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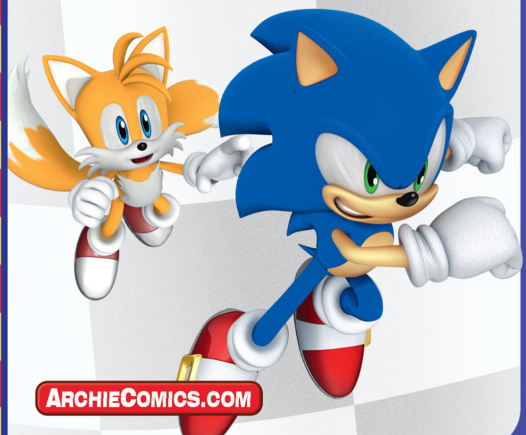

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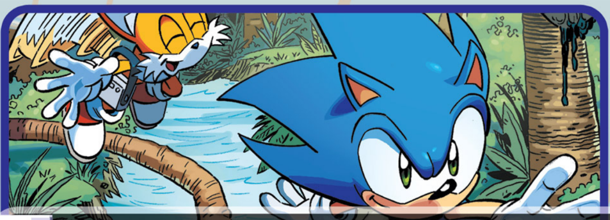
With an all-new reality comes an all-new history! Sally Acorn isn't only the fearless leader of the Freedom Fighters, she's a princess! From royalty to super-heroics, the adventure never stops!



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COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

The Freedom Fighters have been separated! It's up to Sonic and Tails to gather them together again, restore the damaged A.I. Nicole, and find out what happened to their distorted reality!

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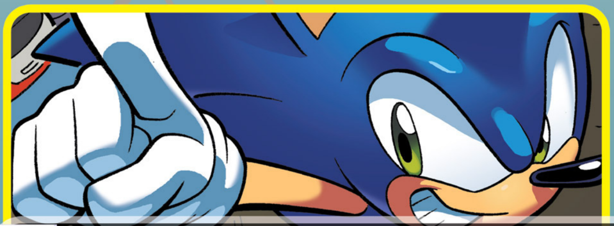
THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Silver the Hedgehog is ever determined to fix the ruined future he comes from. But when a mysterious new force brings him to an alternate dimension, his quest for justice is put on hold for an even greater purpose!



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ALL OUT WAR

The fate of the world rests in the hands of two blue heroes! Sonic fights alongside the super fighting robot, Mega Man, to stop the evil plans of the devious Drs. Eggman and Wily, who are about destroy all of time and space!

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LETTERS

Hey guys and gals! We have a real treat for you with the all-new Sonic Comic Origins story! It's a bold new direction for the comic – and that means an exciting new past! Who are the Freedom Fighters? Where did they come from? How did they join Sonic? All will be revealed in SONIC COMIC ORIGINS, Sally – The Exiled Leader! In addition we have a whole slew of news features, comic stories, pin-ups and more! Now it's on to one of my favorites: the letters column awaits!

This Super Special letters column is dedicated to a very special girl who has held Sonic close to her heart for a very long time. She asked if she could share her story with the rest of the Sonic Comic community, to let them know how Sonic has helped her in her life.

Sonic The Hedgehog: My Hero

Everyone has heroes. Someone they look up to or someone who influenced them in their life. My hero is: Sonic The Hedgehog. What makes Sonic so awesome to me?

Back in 1993, I was given a 50/50 chance that I would live after doctors at my local hospital discovered a benign brain tumor after I began to get very sick.The choice was mine. I could risk my life to have the surgery, or take an even bigger chance and not have it at all. There was a slight chance I could have the surgery and be ok. But at the time the tumor was found, it was very close to spreading through my whole body and being potentially fatal. The doctors let me make the choice to have the surgery. Not them, not my parents, only me. So I did. I had the surgery and it was a success! More of a success: there was no more tumor! They got it all out! After my surgery, I still had my memory and could answer everything the doctor asked. I could feel, I could smell, taste, see, hear & touch. The doctors proclaimed me a miracle child! I couldn't be any happier.

SUPER SPECIAL DELIVERY

But my happiness wasn't to last. I had to learn to walk again. I had to learn everything again I learned as a baby, and it was a nightmare. But the worst nightmare came when I had to go back to school. I was bullied, badly. I had trouble walking & my coordination skills were terrible, but that was part of my recovery and kids in school refused to understand.

When my doctors noticed my poor hand-eye coordination skills and heard about my getting bullied; they suggested my parents get me something to work on my skills at home & distract me. But what? What could improve my coordination or help me with bullies, or boost my self esteem? I didn't know anything that could help me.

One day, I didn't want to go to school because I was scared of the bullies so I went shopping with my parents. I liked to go to the electronic section to see the TVs, and computers. But this time something caught my eye. A shiny black gaming system called Sega Genesis. When I looked up on the TV to see what game was on, it was Sonic the Hedgehog. What a strange but fun looking character, I thought. VERY different from any other game I played. When I first held the controller I had a difficulty holding it and hitting the buttons. But I was really enjoying the game even though I wasn't good at it. My dad bought it for me because he said I looked very happy. Soon, something else made me happy: I discovered the TV shows of Sonic The Hedgehog! Then I discovered the comics and how happy they made me! When I was in school being bullied, I read my comics. Even when the bullies made me cry, I didn't cry too long. I knew when I got home Sonic was there for me! I had the comics, the TV show & the games. I recovered much faster & I have Sonic to thank for that. Even though bullies made fun of me more when they found out about Sonic The Hedgehog in my life, I didn't care. I hear so many sad stories of kids who are bullied, with heartbreaking results.

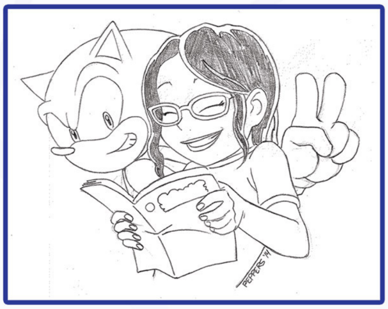
To me Sonic is more than just some cute, blue video game I fell in love with back in 1993. He was my friend when nobody else was. He made me laugh whenever I was sad,or had a bad day in school. He gave me confidence in myself when bullies brought me down for being disabled. He's my hero, and still is and forever will be!

Lizzy S., in love with Sonic since '93

Thanks for sharing your story with us, Lizzy. We are so happy that Sonic was there for you during the hardest times. It's important to find something in your life that makes you happy and hold on to it. We're glad we were able to play a part in your journey and are honored to have you as a Sonic fan!

Best,
the Archie Sonic comic team

Thanks for listening, folks! See all you super special fans next letters column! Until then, write to us at Super Special Delivery to get your letter in the Sonic Super Special!



SUPER SHOUT – OUTS

"Thank you for everything over the years, giving us great comic books and great stories and keeping the character alive and well!"

~Adam "Glitch" S.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

"I'm a BIG fan of the Sega games and your Sonic comics! In the Super Special that featured Sonic Lost World I saw the digital forms of the new Freedom Fighters. It would be cool if Sega made a game out of them!"

~ Tristan L.
from Canada

"The new direction is really starting to grow on me. Can't wait to see what happens next."

~ Nic.
from Oklahoma

"You guys are doing a great job, and I hope that you continue to provide great stories for years to come!"

~Alexander G.
sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

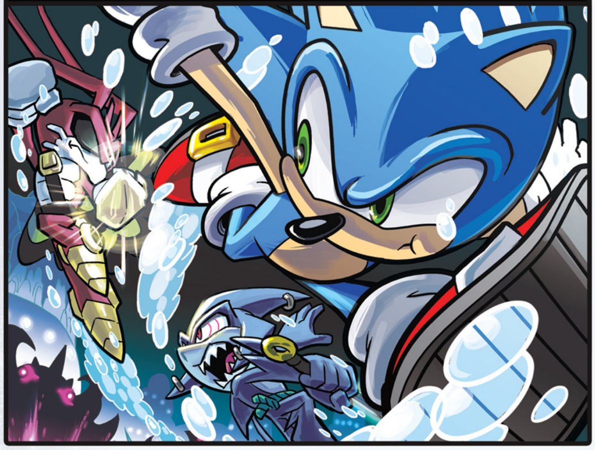
SONIC™ SUPER SPECIAL NEWS FLASH

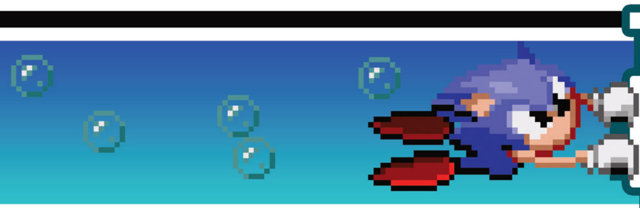
WAVES OF CHANGE

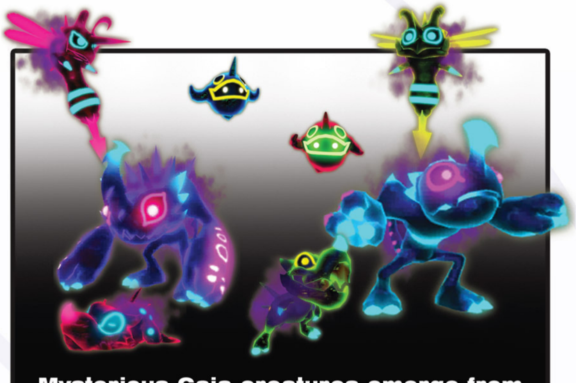
Sonic has traveled the world, climbed great heights, and seen many marvels – all at super-sonic speed! But there's one domain the Blue Blur hasn't explored: the open ocean! Why hasn't our heroic hedgehog delved into the realm as cool and blue as he is? Probably because he can't swim!

But all of that will be a thing of the past after "Waves of Change," Sonic's next grand adventure! The hunt for the Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples has brought him to the shores of the undersea city of Meropis.

Sonic comic artist Ben Bates will be providing the cover art for *Waves of Change* in Sonic the Hedgehog issues 260-263!







Mysterious Gaia creatures emerge from the center of Sonic's world! Be on the lookout for these new enemies throughout the *Waves of Change* story!

Sonic's already met cats, bats, bees, echidnas and crocodiles – but now he's meeting a whole ocean's worth of new species!

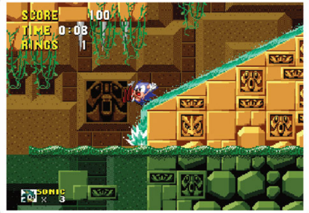
Deep beneath the waves is the priestess Coral. It's her duty to protect the city and look after the chao in the sacred temple grounds. But the pressure is on her as one crisis after another arrives – the latest being the scourge of Dark Gaia monsters! If only there was a super cool, super fast hero who could help out – OH WAIT!

So pack your snorkel and dive in with Sonic as he meets brand new characters, visits brand new locations, and discovers magic and mysteries galore! Uncover the secret to what's keeping the oceans functioning during the Shattered World Crisis! And you'll never believe who shows up for an epic team-up! "Waves of Change" begins with Sonic the Hedgehog #260! ■

TOP 5 WATER LEVELS

Sonic writer, Ian Flynn, has selected his top five favorite water levels in Sonic video game history in honor of the Waves of Change story!

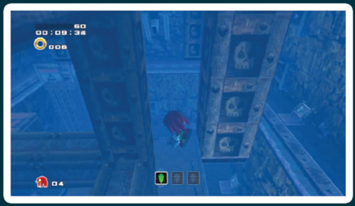
LABYRINTH ZONE (Sonic the Hedgehog)



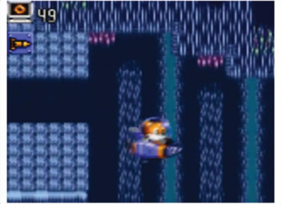
The very first water level – and the stuff nightmares were born from! Here is where Sonic first heard that panic-inducing countdown music. Where are those air bubbles?!

AQUATIC MINE (Sonic Adventure 2)

Knuckles takes a ride to Aquatic Mine. Once it was a coal pit, now it's a water-ride. Control the water levels and explore the haunted pit. The hidden Air Necklace makes it easy – if you can survive long enough to reach it!



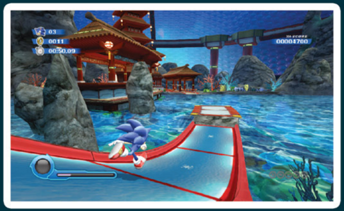
LAKE ROCKY (Tails Adventure)



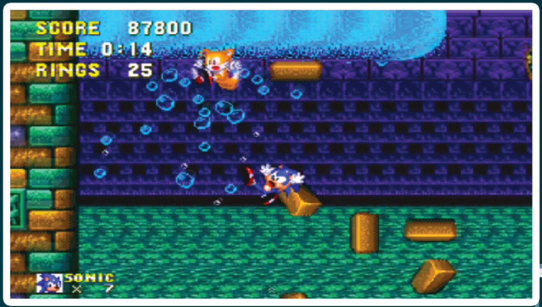
With his Sea Fox armed to the teeth, Tails sets about navigating the sunken interior of Cocoa Island to oust the invading Battle Bird Armada! With a myriad of weapons and omni-directional control, Tails proves to be a master of the waves!

AQUARIUM PARK (Sonic Colors)

An entire theme park planet devoted to underwater splendor! Sonic dives right in, able to "swim" for the first time with unlimited jumping while submerged! And if that's too slow going for you, grab a Yellow Drill Wisp and torpedo your way to victory!



HYDRO CITY ZONE (STH 3 & Knuckles)



Is it "Hydro City" or "Hydrocity"? The debate has spanned the ages! But one thing's for sure: from the kickin' soundtrack to the first time Sonic could run on water, this is the best of the water stages!

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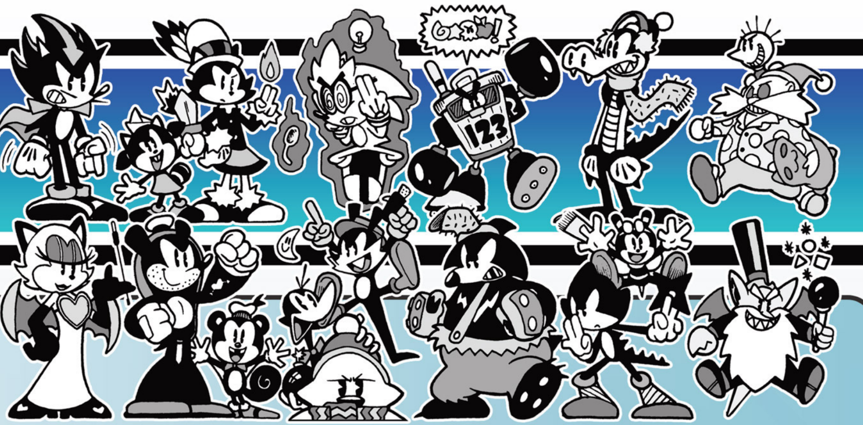
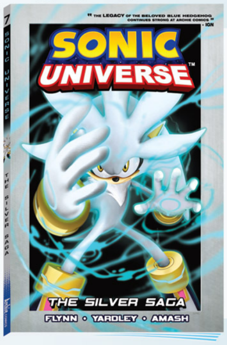


Welcome, Sonic fans young and old! Jonathan "WB" Gray, your Sonic Off-Panel artist (and temporary writer at the moment) here! The Archie Sonic Team has seen fit to give me my own column (THE FOOLS! MWAHAHAHA!!!) where I can discuss random topics with you guys and be "YOUR MAN ON THE INSIDE!"



Sonic Universe -- Vol. 7: The Silver Saga

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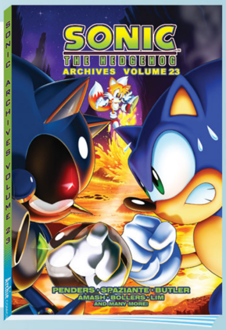
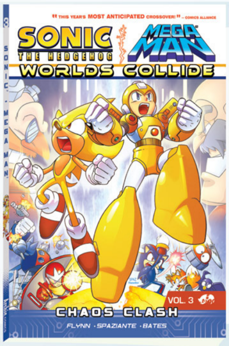
Silver the Hedgehog lives in a far future trapped in constant flux! But no matter how time changes itself -- ***all roads*** lead to *him*! Now, an invasion from an alternate world on its dying breath has led our hero to an ***all-powerful enemy*** and his greatest adventure! Featuring a **new, *previously unprinted epilogue!***

Sonic the Hedgehog Archives -- Vol. 23

Releases -- 04/02/14 $7.99 US/$8.99 CAN

Sonic Adventure may have come to an end, but new threats await both ***Sonic*** and ***Knuckles***! While Sonic and company deal with ***Silver Sonic Mk.II*** and a deadly, now-sentient ***Metal Sonic,*** Knuckles contends with troublesome invaders from a pocket universe! Can our heroes make it out of their predicaments alive?





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The conclusion to the *greatest crossover* event of the year: ***Sonic*** and ***Mega Man™*** must contend with the ***Egg-Wily Machine X*** and the new ***Super Genesis Wave!*** It's *all out war* as the deadly doctors unleash ***EVERY ROBOT MASTER CREATED*** on our heroes! It's an ending that will change ***everything*** forever...

STH Presents: Knuckles Archives -- Vol. 5

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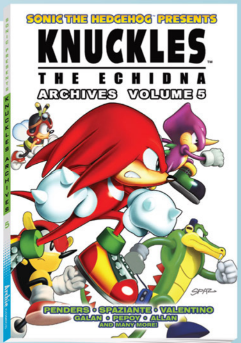
In the penultimate issue of Knuckles Archives, ***Knuckles*** and the ***Chaotix*** must contend with enemies who seek to corrupt and destroy from within, confronting a long-lost ghost from his clouded past, and the single most terrifying, horrifying thing that he and his pals could *ever* face -- ***his first date***!



'Sup, y'all! As I type this column, we are officially one day past the inaugural announcement of the upcoming ***Sonic Boom*** game and TV series! By the time this magazine hits the shelves a lot more info will be known and dissected about it, but so far it's looking great. I'm very excited for the many new prospects it might bring!

In the meantime, while a new beginning has started for one Sonic sub-franchise, another new beginning is being chronicled for your comics as we speak! That would be the **"Sonic Comic Origins"** project (SCO)!

A new universe needs a fresh start; one that's easily accessible by fans both old and new while respecting the greatest aspects of what came before it. SCO's goal is to present **brand new origins** for **Sonic**, **Tails**, the **Freedom Fighters** and **all your favorite game and comic characters** in regards to **your new universe!** In addition, the SCO project is ongoing! So while you read the continuing monthly adventures of Sonic and company in ***Sonic the Hedgehog*** and ***Sonic Universe***, you can also read fresh, new Sonic spins on old friends in ***Sonic Super Special Magazine*** and ***Sonic Super Digest***, which will be home to the ongoing SCO sub-series!

SCO: Part One, titled ***"Sally -- The Exiled Leader"*** begins this very issue while SCO: Part Two, titled ***"Rotor -- The Exiled Inventor"*** continues in ***Sonic Super Digest #7***! We hope you enjoy the new universe and look forward to delving into the new world of your Sonic comics even more! :)

DUB'S TRIVIA CORNER!

Long ago, ***Ian Flynn*** (current Sonic writer) provided a brand-new "extended epilogue" of ***The Silver Saga*** to readers of the Archie Sonic character blogs! It's never been re-released until now! Check out the story in print for the first time in Vol. 7 of Sonic Universe!

See ya later, gang! ■

- JON GRAY! ☺

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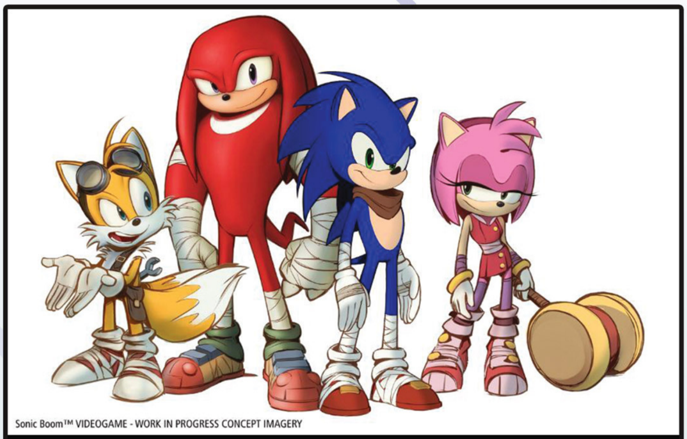
Sonic Boom™ VIDEOGAME - WORK IN PROGRESS CONCEPT IMAGERY

The newest branch of the Sonic franchise, titled *Sonic Boom*, features an all-new look for an all-new kind of Sonic adventure!

The Freedom Fighters aren't the only ones getting a design tweak this year, Sega's newest branch of the Sonic franchise, *Sonic Boom,* features Sonic and friends in a whole new way! Each character has been modified to fit their personalities: Sonic is the speedy, cool dude with attitude, Tails is the genius mechanic, Amy is the action acrobat, and Knuckles is clearly the muscle of the team. While the changes are different from anything seen before, at its core, Sonic Boom still maintains the iconic traits that make the Sonic universe the Sonic universe.

NEW TV SHOW!

Sonic Boom is headed to Cartoon Network this fall! This is the Blue Blur's first CG animated series ever and the fifth television show in the franchise's 20+ year history!

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NEW VIDEO GAME!

As a prelude to the TV show, *Sonic Boom the video game* will be released later this year on the Nintendo Wii U and Nintendo 3DS!

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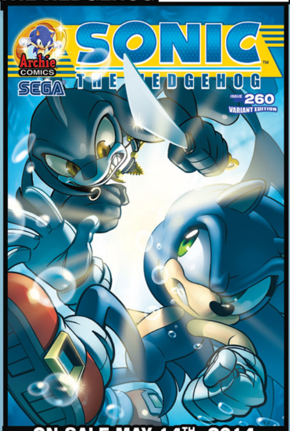
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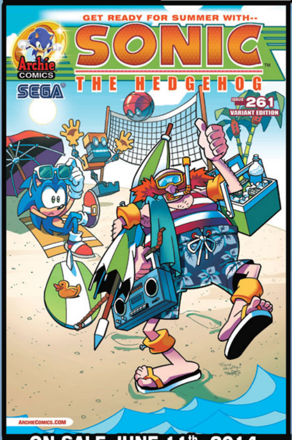
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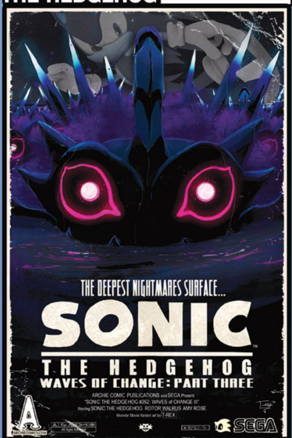
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SONIC SUPER SPECIAL COMIC FEATURE:

ORIGINS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

PREVIOUSLY...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS PALS ARE THE ONLY FORCE ABLE TO STAND UP TO THE EVIL SCIENTIST **DR. EGGMAN!**

WHILE SONIC AND **THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS** MAY BE VETERAN HEROES NOW, THEIR LIFESTYLE OF PERFORMING SUPER HEROICS WAS NOT SOMETHING THEY WERE SIMPLY BORN INTO.

FOR TEAM LEADER **SALLY ACORN**, THE JOURNEY TO FORM THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WAS A PATH THAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS FOUND FOR THEMSELVES. **LITTLE DID THEY KNOW THAT THEIR LIVES WOULD CHANGE FOREVER...**

DID YOU KNOW...

The Sonic Comic Origins illustrates the histories of the main team of Freedom Fighters from the current comic universe. The "new" memories that our heroes have experienced since Sonic the Hedgehog issue 252 are directly linked to the stories told in Sonic Comic Origins!

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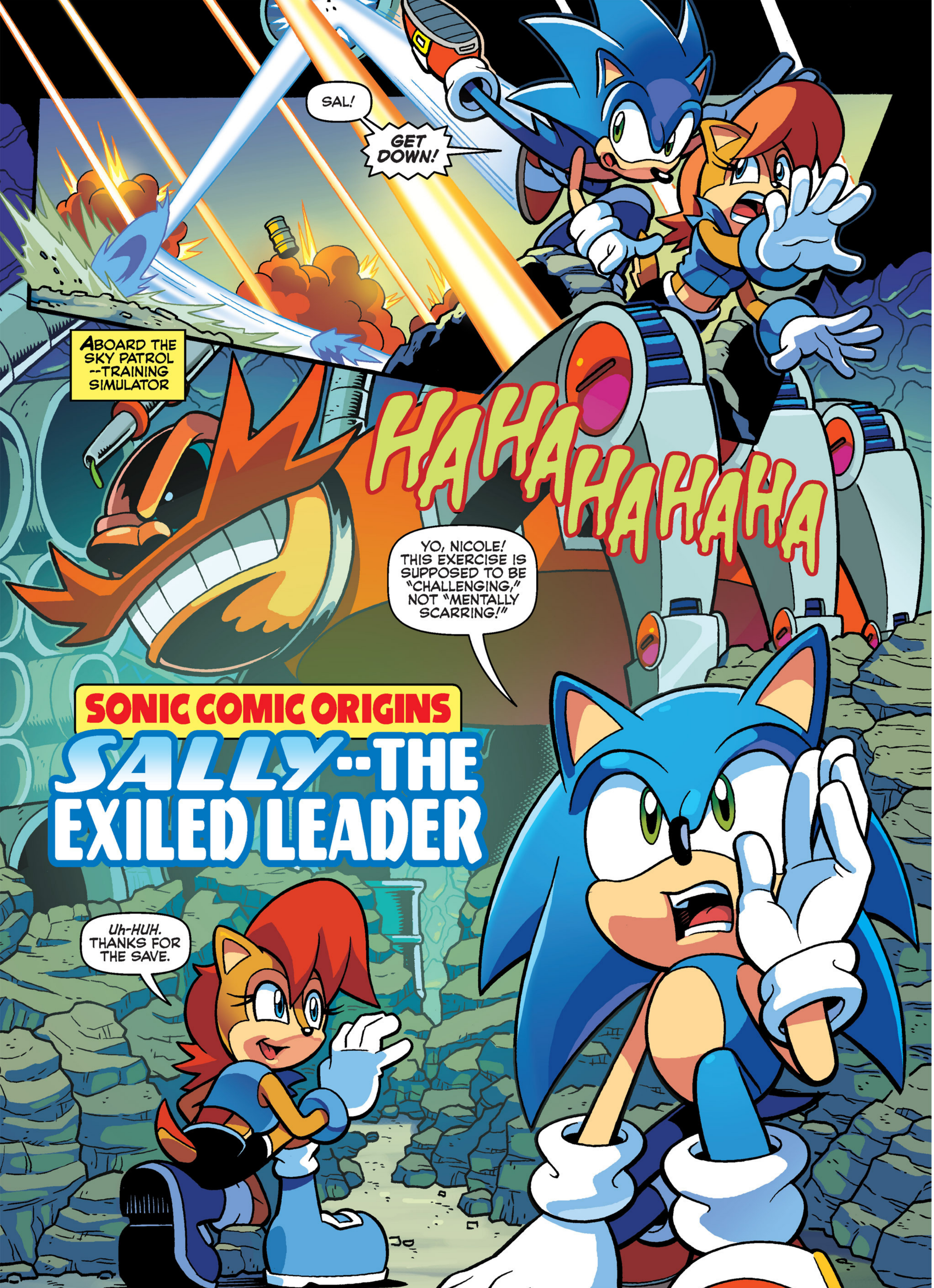
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YO, NICOLE! THIS EXERCISE IS SUPPOSED TO BE "CHALLENGING," NOT "MENTALLY SCARRING!"
UH-HUH. THANKS FOR THE SAVE.

SONIC COMIC ORIGINS

SALLY--THE EXILED LEADER

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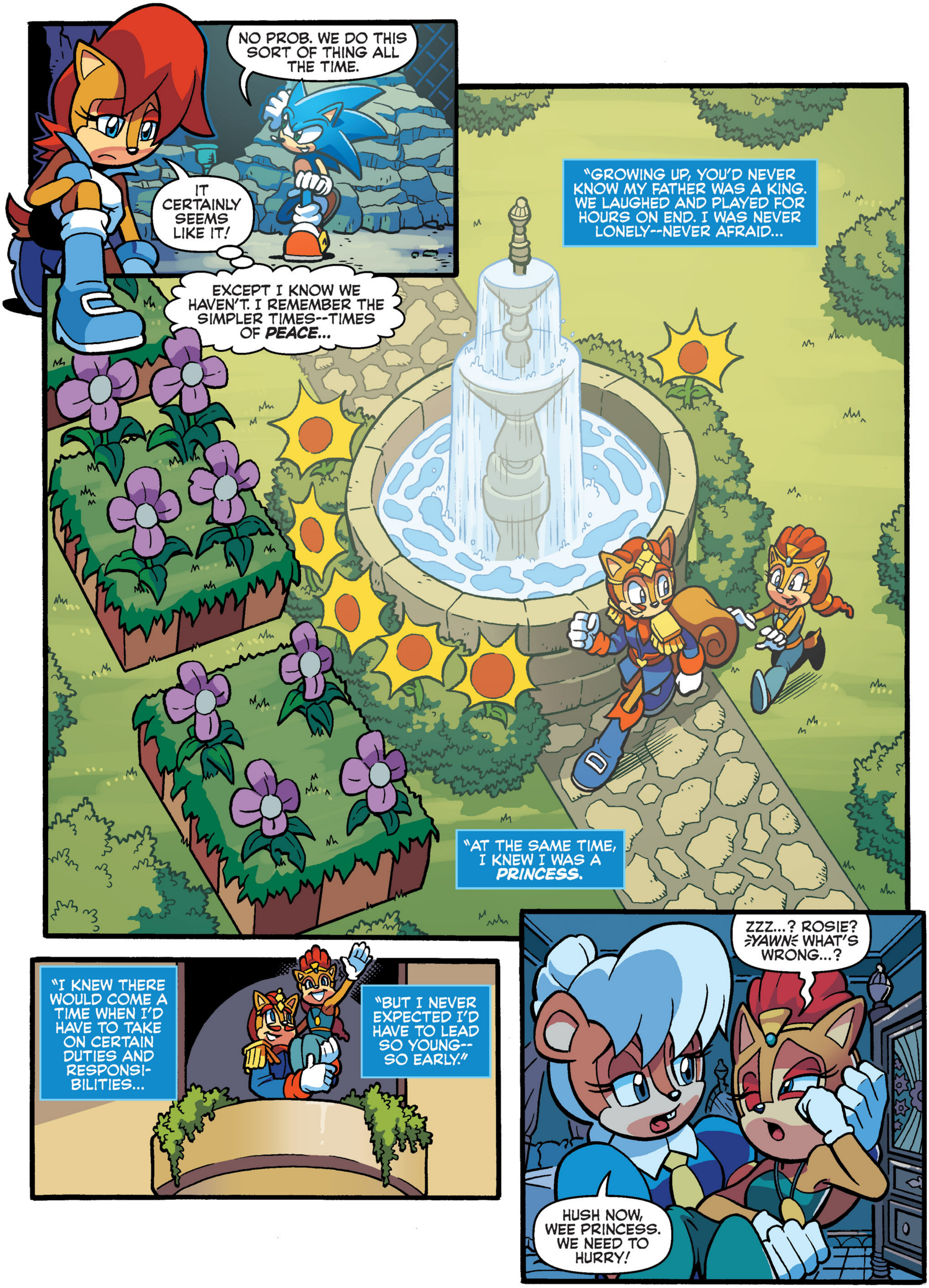
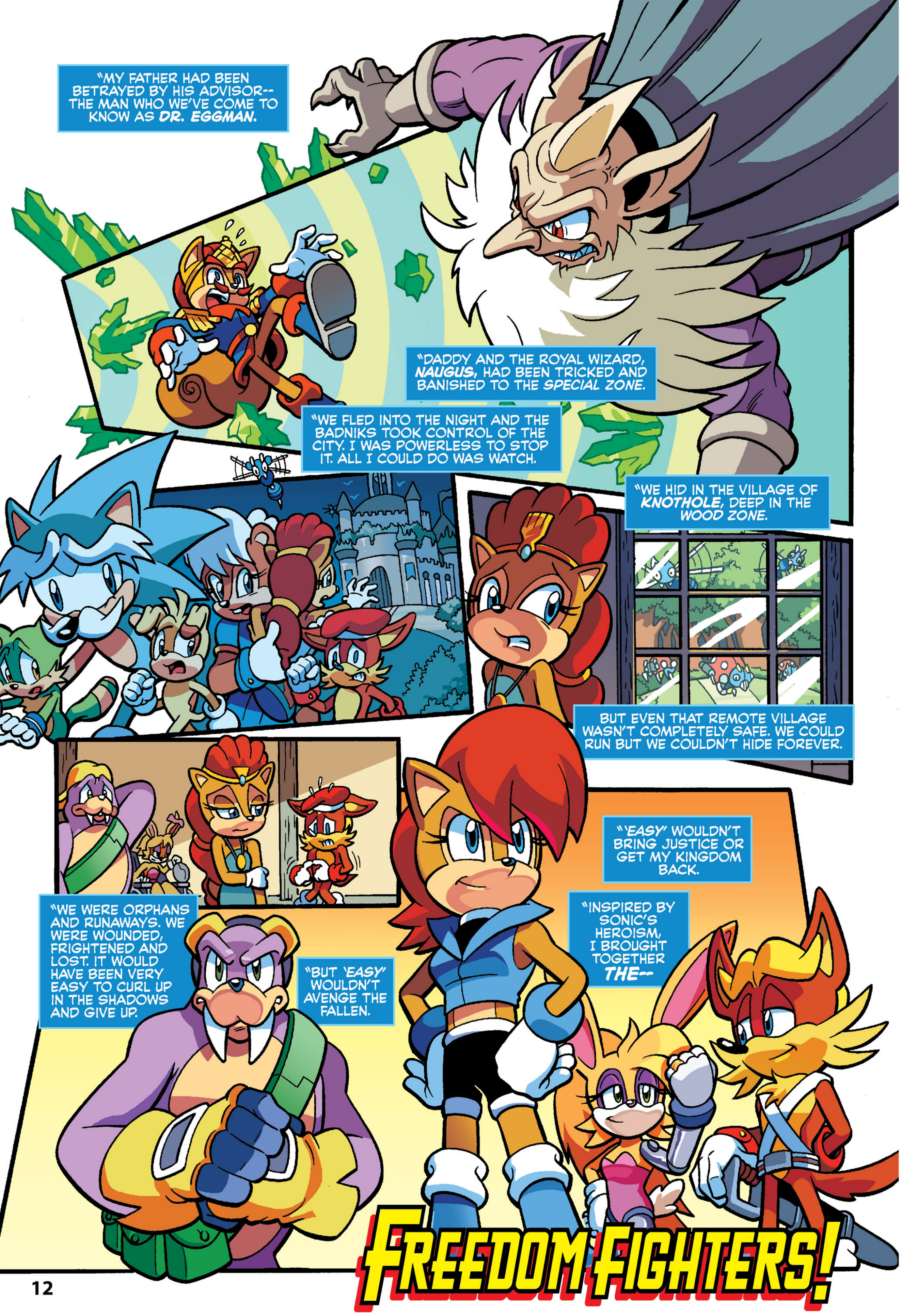
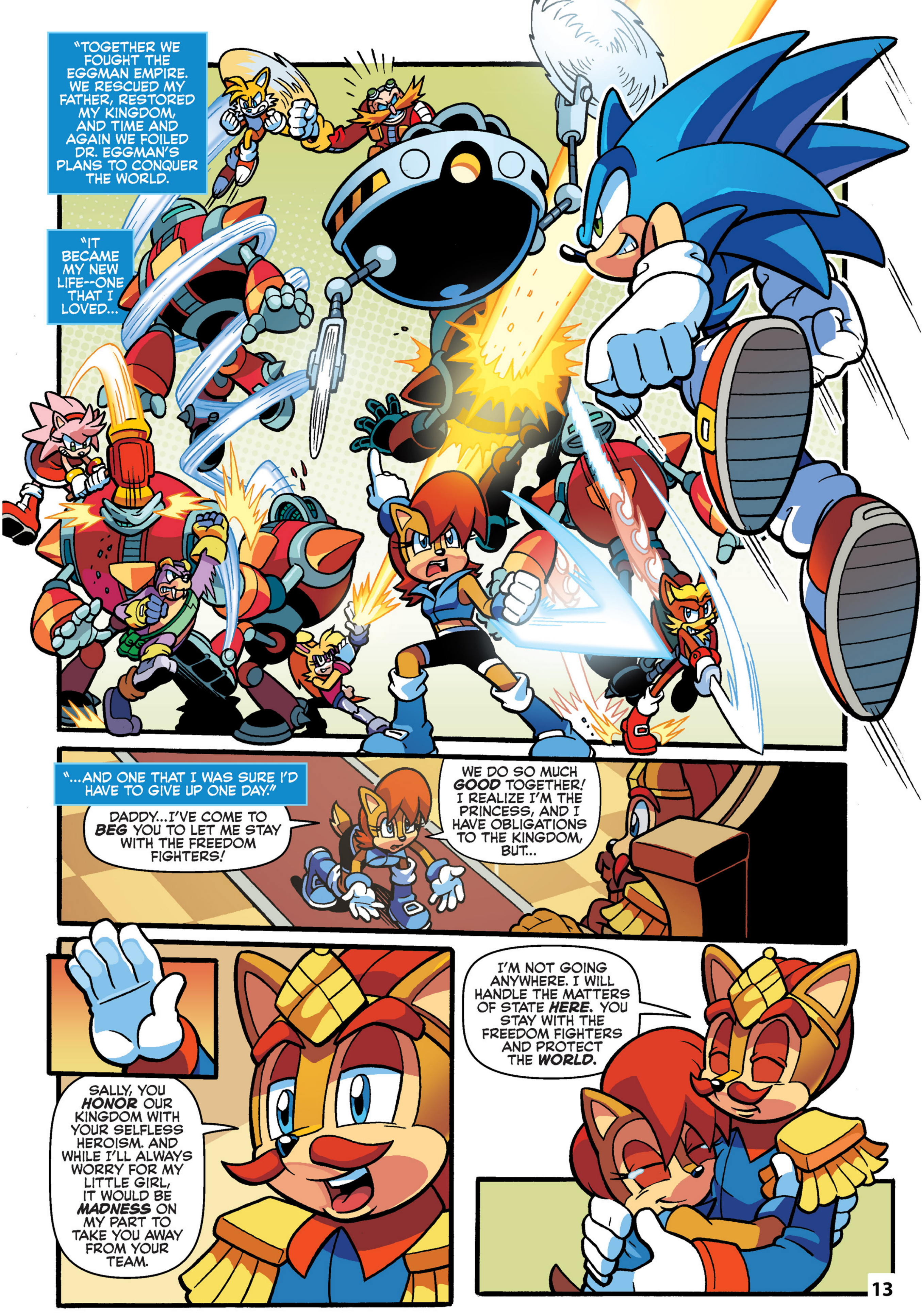
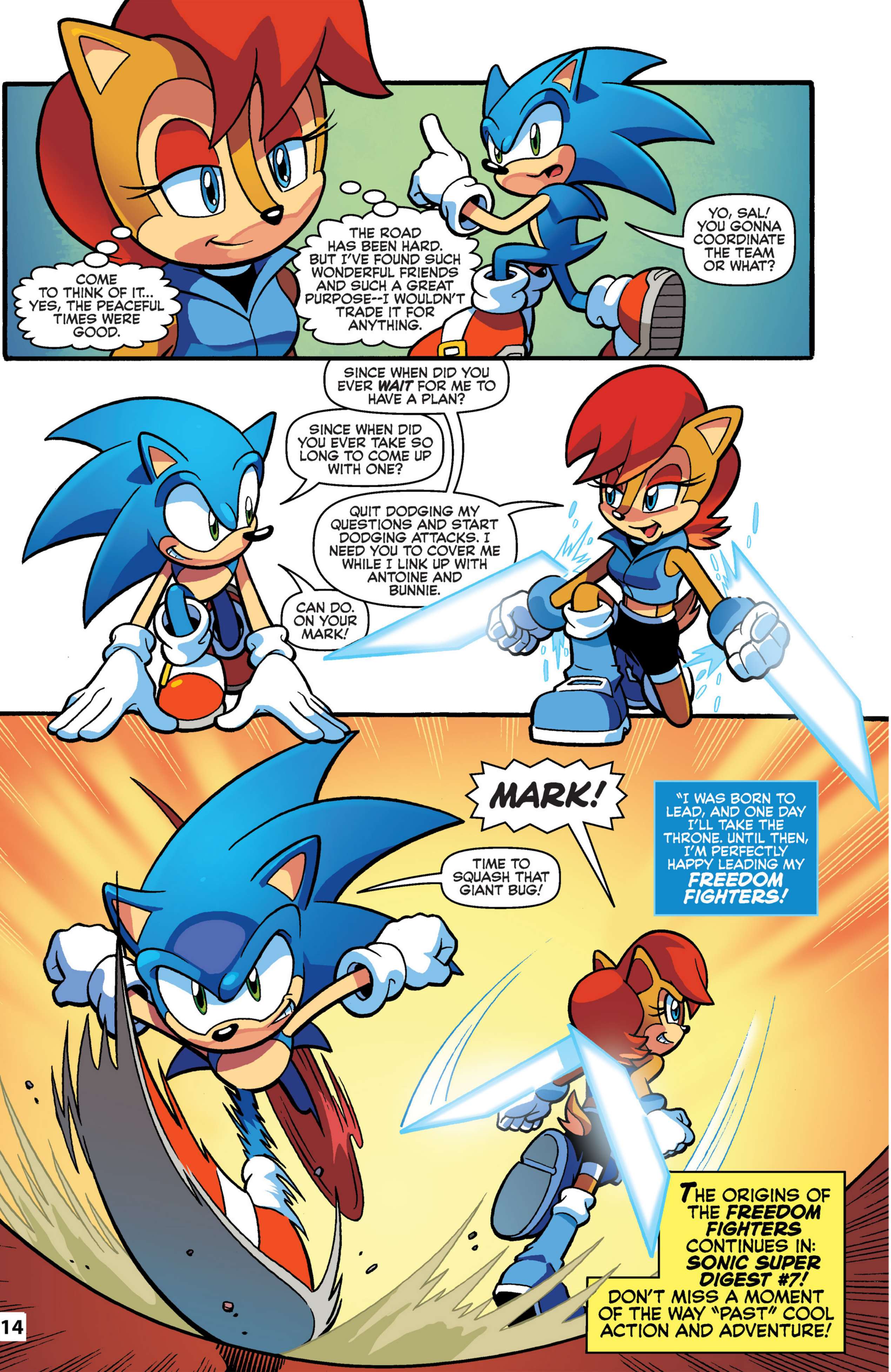

NO PROB. WE DO THIS SORT OF THING ALL THE TIME.
IT CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE IT!
EXCEPT I KNOW WE HAVEN'T. I REMEMBER THE SIMPLER TIMES--TIMES OF *PEACE*...
"GROWING UP, YOU'D NEVER KNOW MY FATHER WAS A KING. WE LAUGHED AND PLAYED FOR HOURS ON END. I WAS NEVER LONELY--NEVER AFRAID...
"AT THE SAME TIME, I KNEW I WAS A *PRINCESS*.
"I KNEW THERE WOULD COME A TIME WHEN I'D HAVE TO TAKE ON CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES...
"BUT I NEVER EXPECTED I'D HAVE TO LEAD SO YOUNG--SO EARLY."
ZZZ...? ROSIE? *YAWN* WHAT'S WRONG...?
HUSH NOW, WEE PRINCESS. WE NEED TO HURRY!


"MY FATHER HAD BEEN BETRAYED BY HIS ADVISOR-- THE MAN WHO WE'VE COME TO KNOW AS *DR. EGGMAN.*
"DADDY AND THE ROYAL WIZARD, *NAUGUS,* HAD BEEN TRICKED AND BANISHED TO THE *SPECIAL ZONE.*
"WE FLED INTO THE NIGHT AND THE BADNIKS TOOK CONTROL OF THE CITY. I WAS POWERLESS TO STOP IT. ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH.
"WE HID IN THE VILLAGE OF *KNOTHOLE,* DEEP IN THE *WOOD ZONE.*
BUT EVEN THAT REMOTE VILLAGE WASN'T COMPLETELY SAFE. WE COULD RUN BUT WE COULDN'T HIDE FOREVER.
"WE WERE ORPHANS AND RUNAWAYS. WE WERE WOUNDED, FRIGHTENED AND LOST. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EASY TO CURL UP IN THE SHADOWS AND GIVE UP.
"BUT *'EASY'* WOULDN'T AVENGE THE FALLEN.
"*'EASY'* WOULDN'T BRING JUSTICE OR GET MY KINGDOM BACK.
"INSPIRED BY SONIC'S HEROISM, I BROUGHT TOGETHER *THE--*
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!


"TOGETHER WE FOUGHT THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. WE RESCUED MY FATHER, RESTORED MY KINGDOM, AND TIME AND AGAIN WE FOILED DR. EGGMAN'S PLANS TO CONQUER THE WORLD.
"IT BECAME MY NEW LIFE--ONE THAT I LOVED...
"...AND ONE THAT I WAS SURE I'D HAVE TO GIVE UP ONE DAY."
DADDY...I'VE COME TO ***BEG*** YOU TO LET ME STAY WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
WE DO SO MUCH ***GOOD*** TOGETHER! I REALIZE I'M THE PRINCESS, AND I HAVE OBLIGATIONS TO THE KINGDOM, BUT...
SALLY, YOU ***HONOR*** OUR KINGDOM WITH YOUR SELFLESS HEROISM. AND WHILE I'LL ALWAYS WORRY FOR MY LITTLE GIRL, IT WOULD BE ***MADNESS*** ON MY PART TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR TEAM.
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. I WILL HANDLE THE MATTERS OF STATE ***HERE***. YOU STAY WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND PROTECT THE ***WORLD***.


YO, SAL! YOU GONNA COORDINATE THE TEAM OR WHAT?
THE ROAD HAS BEEN HARD. BUT I'VE FOUND SUCH WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND SUCH A GREAT PURPOSE--I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING.
COME TO THINK OF IT... YES, THE PEACEFUL TIMES WERE GOOD.
SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER *WAIT* FOR ME TO HAVE A PLAN?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER TAKE SO LONG TO COME UP WITH ONE?
QUIT DODGING MY QUESTIONS AND START DODGING ATTACKS. I NEED YOU TO COVER ME WHILE I LINK UP WITH ANTOINE AND BUNNIE.
CAN DO. ON YOUR MARK!
MARK!
TIME TO SQUASH THAT GIANT BUG!
"I WAS BORN TO LEAD, AND ONE DAY I'LL TAKE THE THRONE. UNTIL THEN, I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY LEADING MY ***FREEDOM FIGHTERS!***
THE ORIGINS OF THE ***FREEDOM FIGHTERS*** CONTINUES IN: ***SONIC SUPER DIGEST #7!*** DON'T MISS A MOMENT OF THE WAY "PAST" COOL ACTION AND ADVENTURE!

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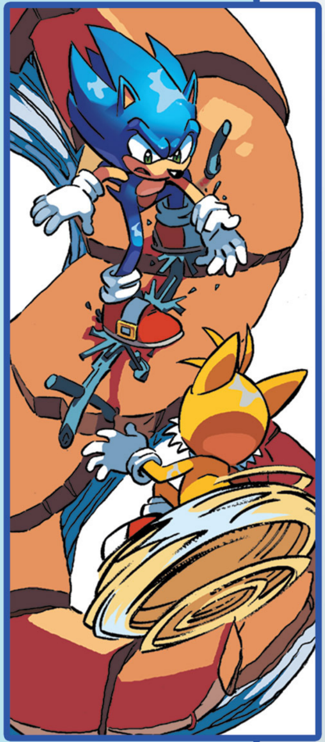
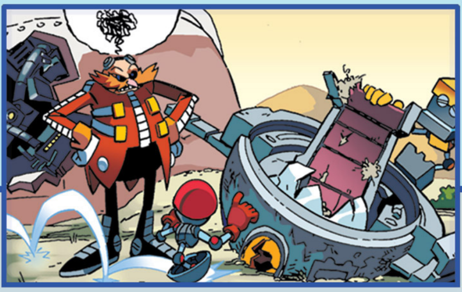
PREVIOUSLY...

AFTER FOILING **DR. EGGMAN'S** PLANS, BOTH **SONIC** AND EGGMAN WOKE UP BACK IN THEIR HOME WORLD, BUT WITH **NEW MEMORIES** -- AND A **NEW PAST**, ALTERED BY THE REALITY-WARPING **GENESIS WAVE!**

BUT THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS **NICOLE** MAY HOLD THE KEY TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED, AND BY INTERACTING WITH THE HEROIC **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** SHE MAY BE ABLE TO **"DE-FRAGMENT"** THIS NEW WORLD FROM THE OLD ONE, PIECE BY PIECE.

NOW IT'S UP TO **SONIC AND TAILS** TO PUT THE TEAM BACK TOGETHER, RESTORE NICOLE, AND FIND OUT JUST WHAT HAPPENED **TO THEIR WORLD...**





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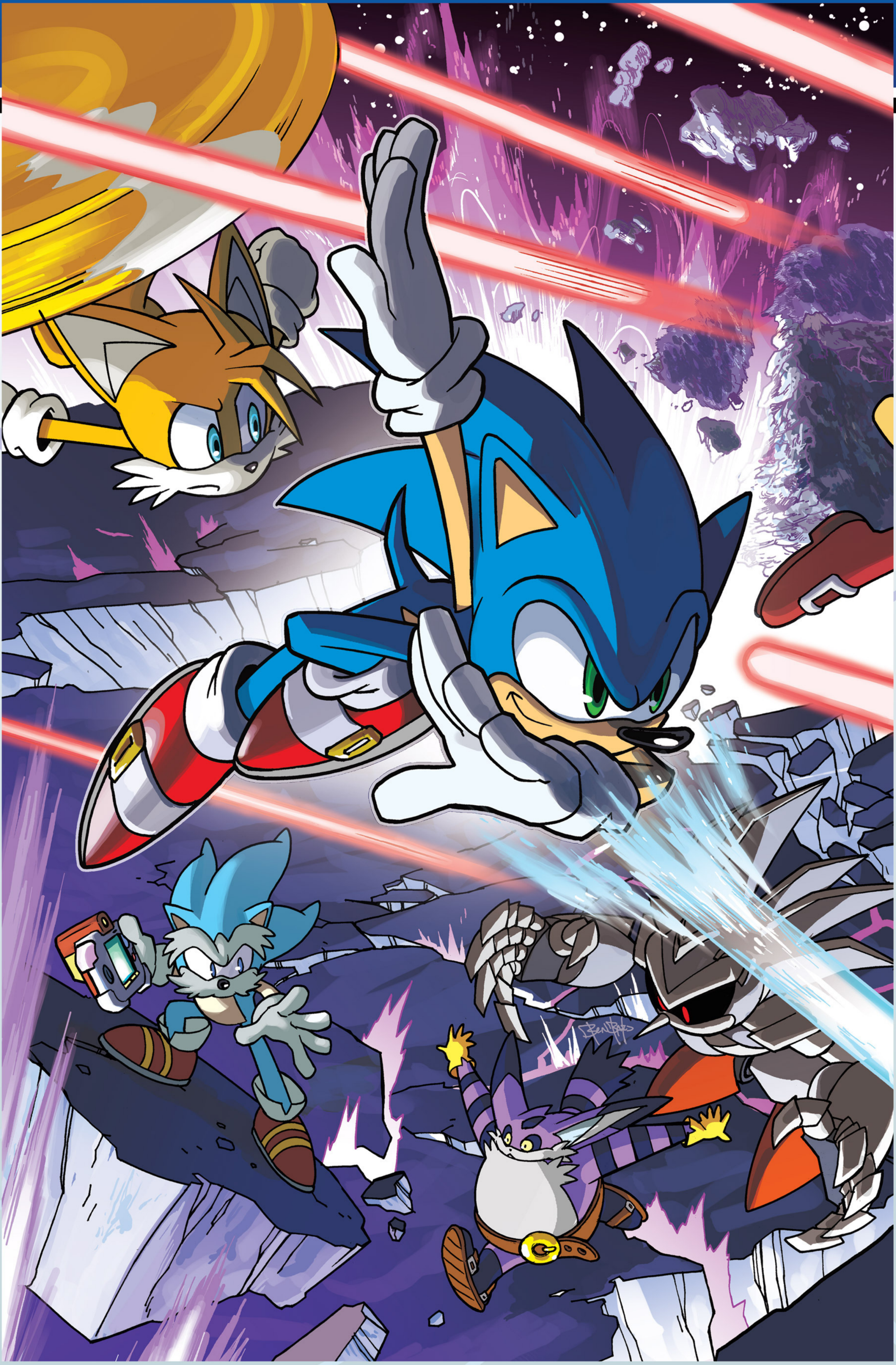
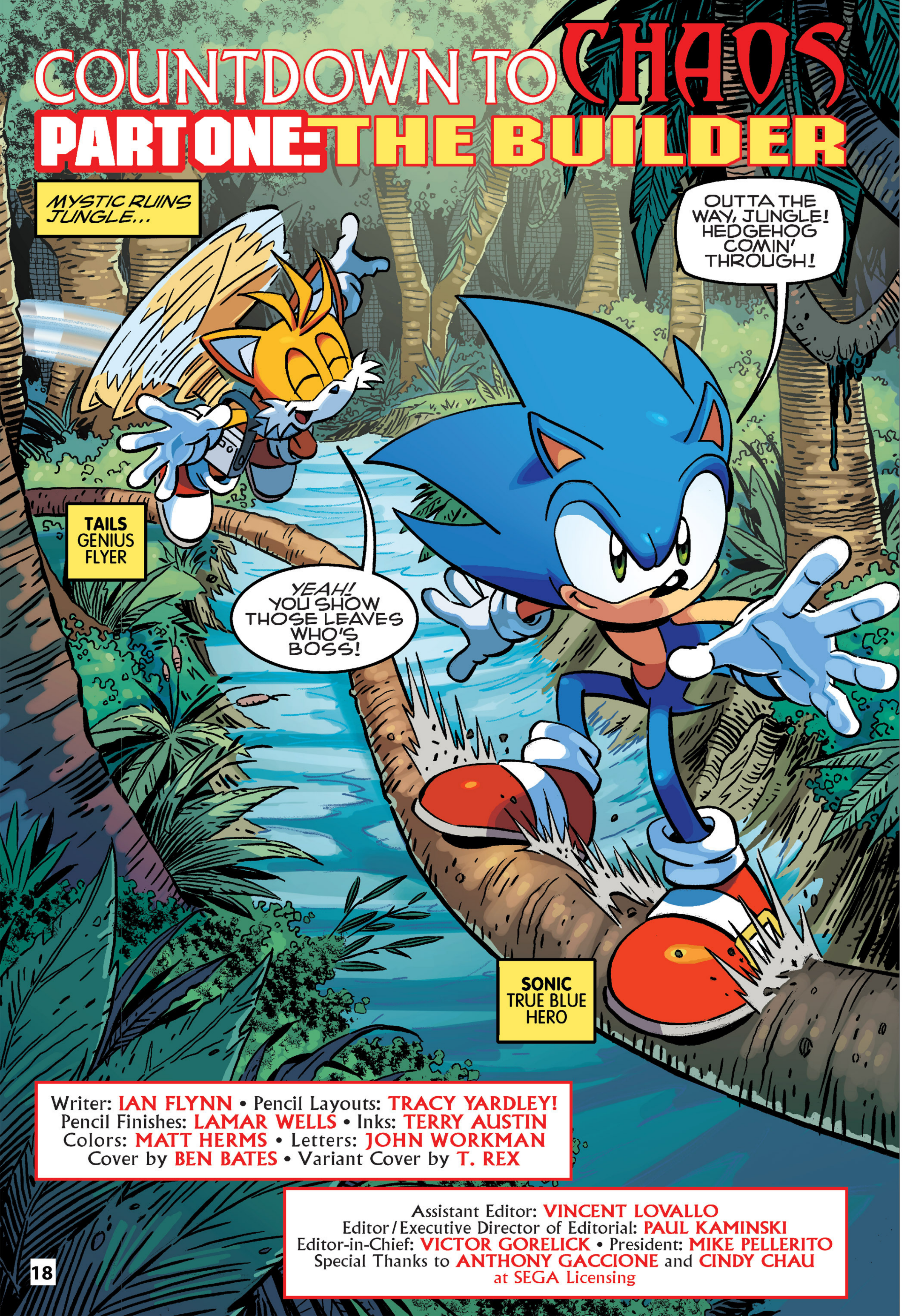


COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS

PART ONE: THE BUILDER


MYSTIC RUINS JUNGLE...
OUTTA THE WAY, JUNGLE! HEDGEHOG COMIN' THROUGH!
TAILS GENIUS FLYER
YEAH! YOU SHOW THOSE LEAVES WHO'S BOSS!
SONIC TRUE BLUE HERO

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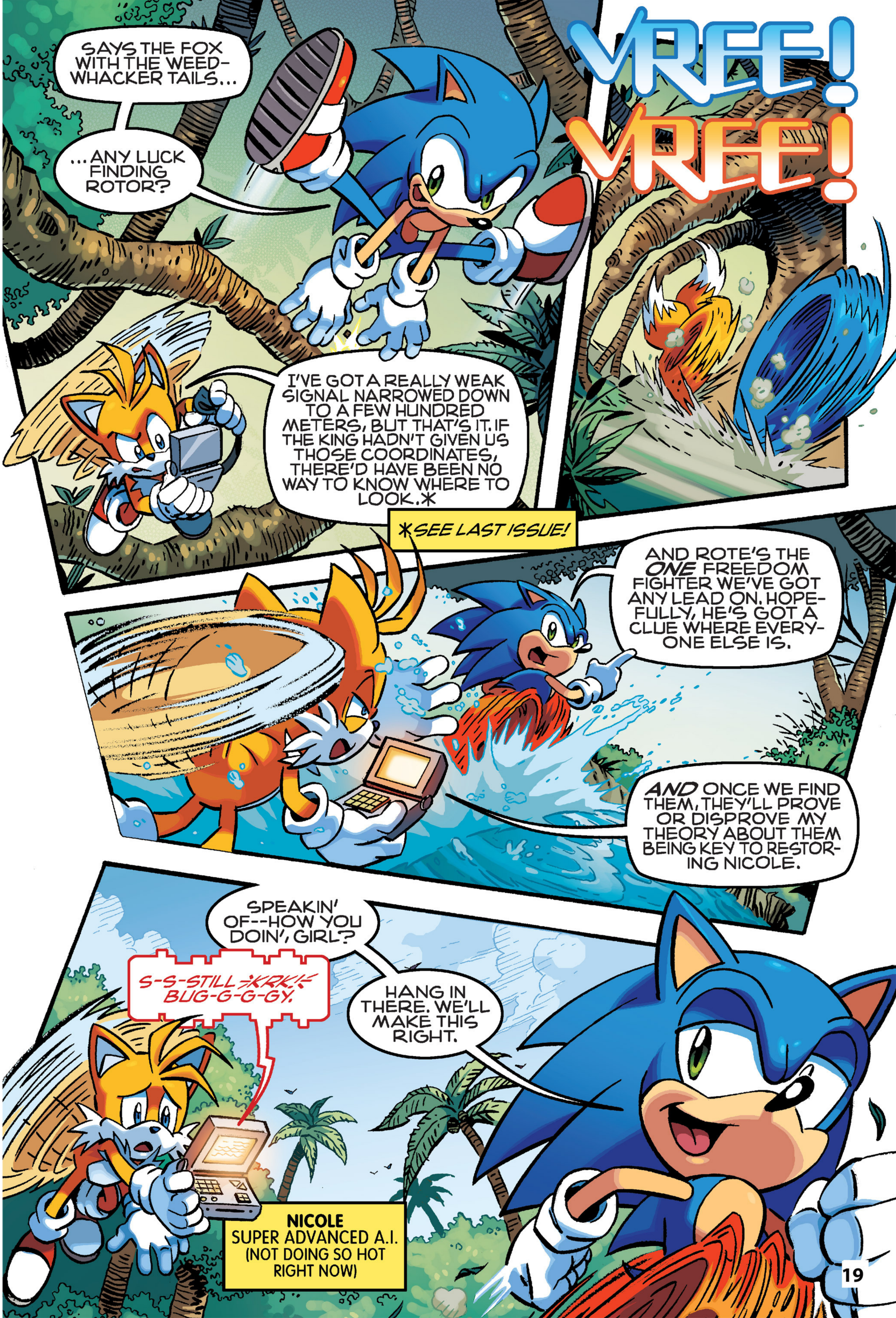
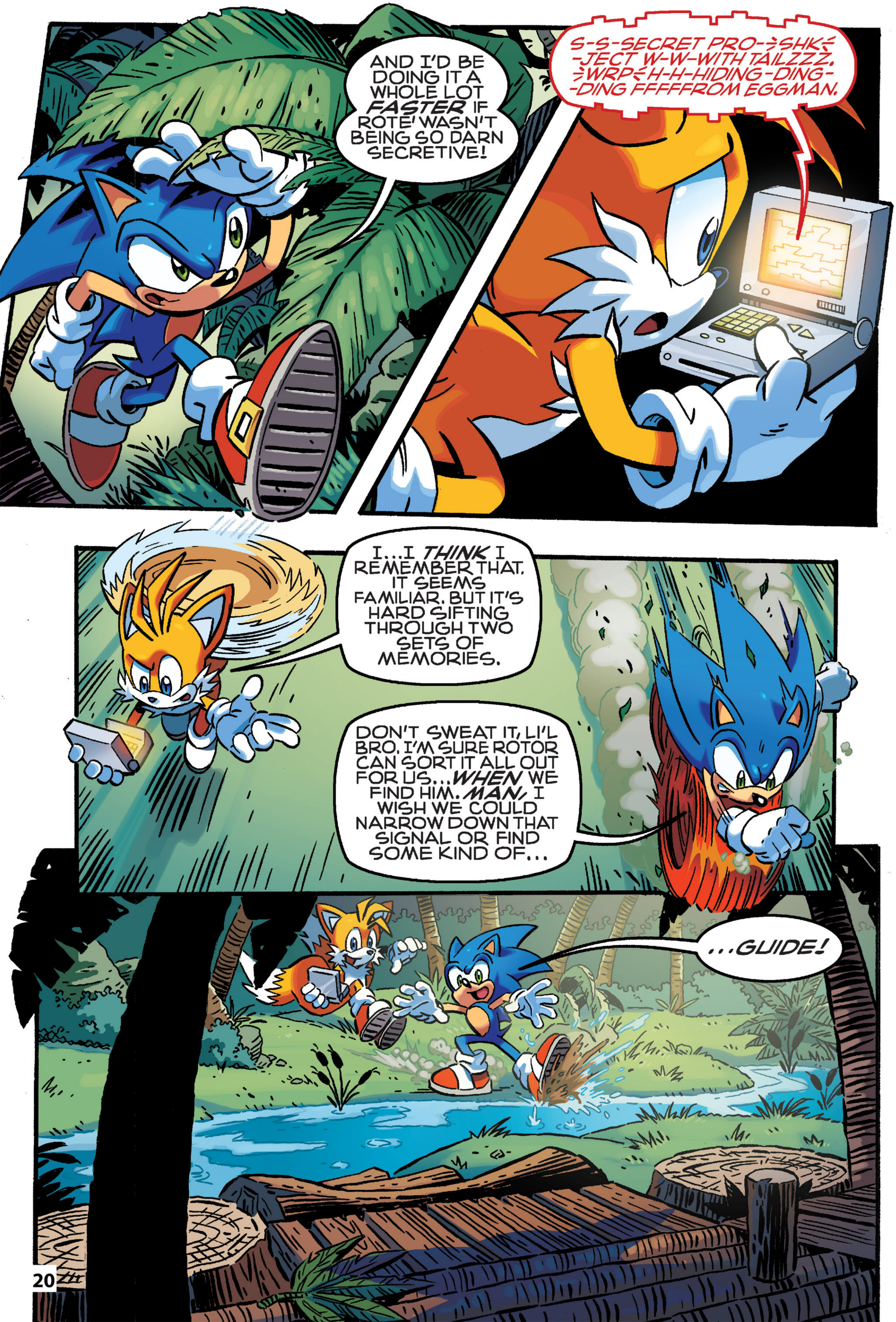
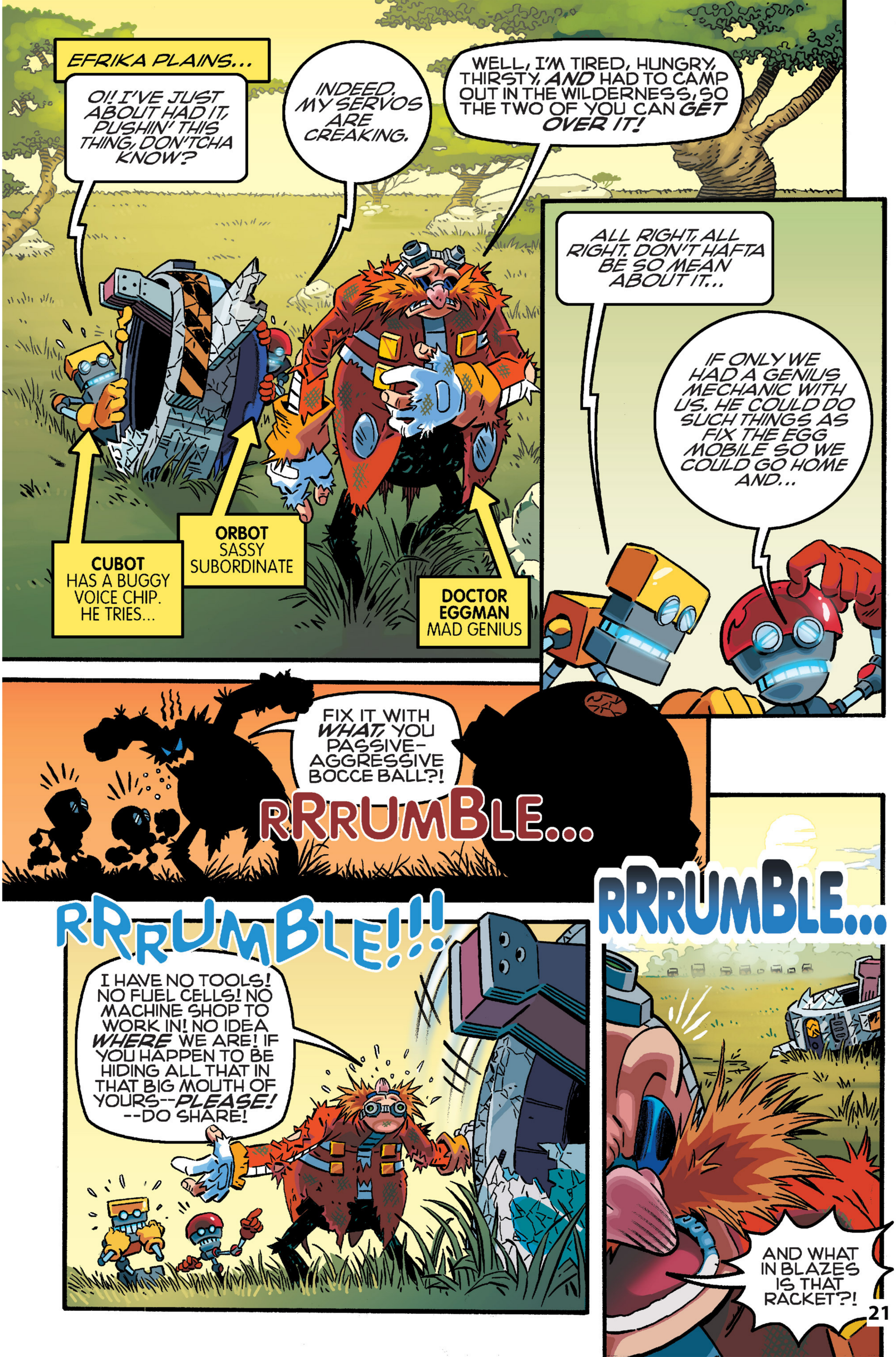
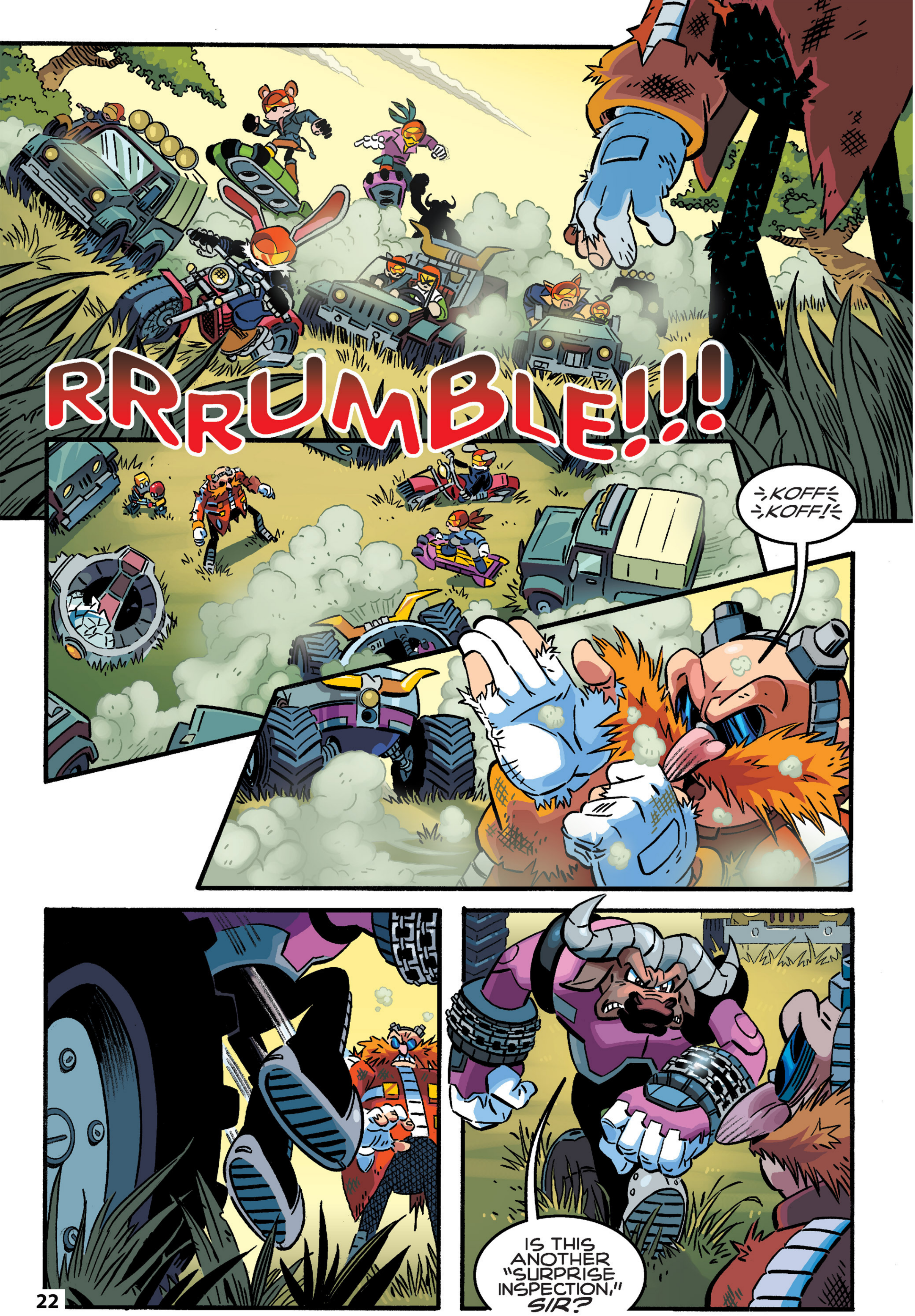
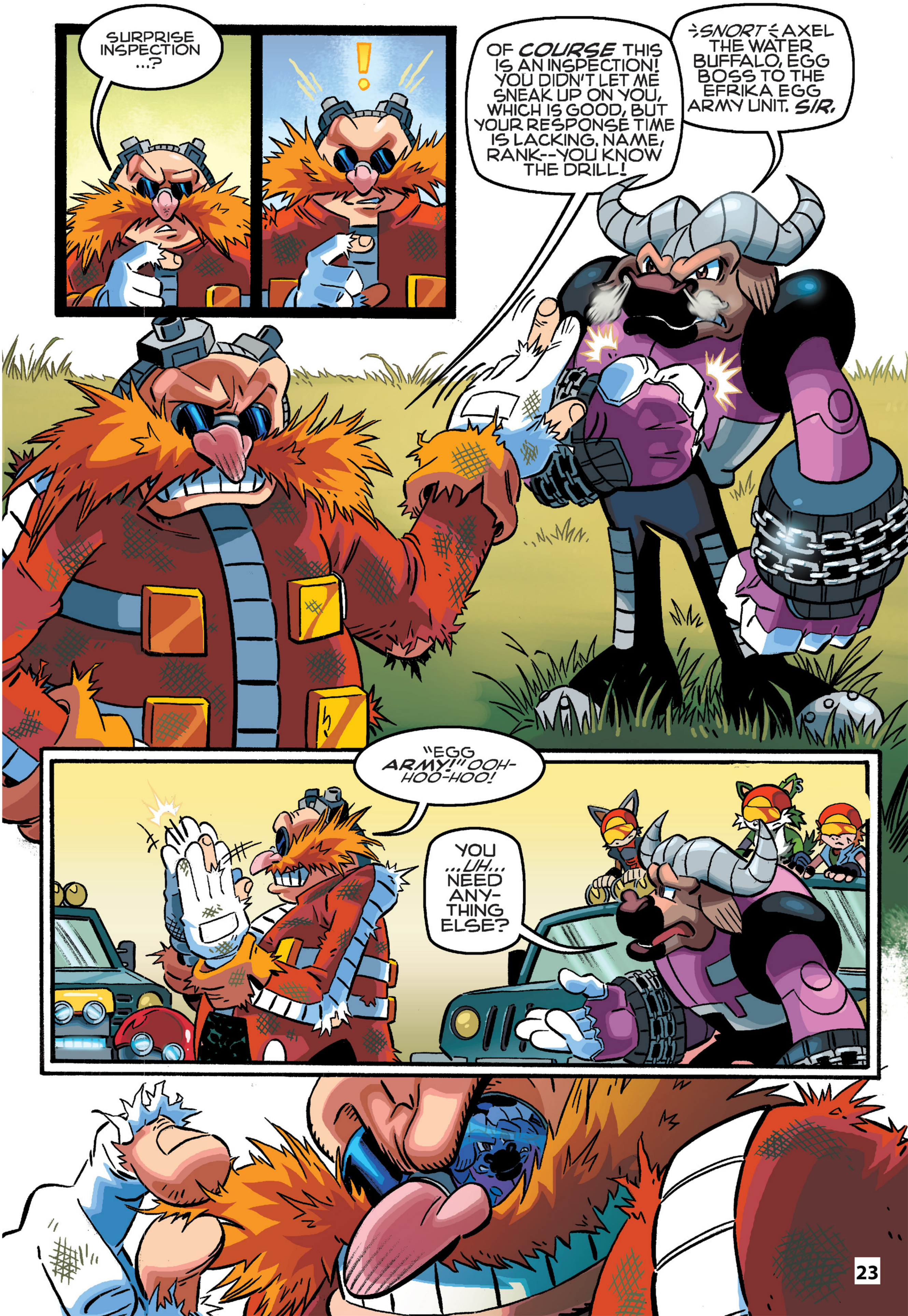

SAYS THE FOX WITH THE WEED-WHACKER TAILS...
...ANY LUCK FINDING ROTOR?
VREE! VREE!
I'VE GOT A REALLY WEAK SIGNAL NARROWED DOWN TO A FEW HUNDRED METERS, BUT THAT'S IT. IF THE KING HADN'T GIVEN US THOSE COORDINATES, THERE'D HAVE BEEN NO WAY TO KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.*
*SEE LAST ISSUE!
AND ROTE'S THE *ONE* FREEDOM FIGHTER WE'VE GOT ANY LEAD ON. HOPEFULLY, HE'S GOT A CLUE WHERE EVERYONE ELSE IS.
AND ONCE WE FIND THEM, THEY'LL PROVE OR DISPROVE MY THEORY ABOUT THEM BEING KEY TO RESTORING NICOLE.
SPEAKIN' OF--HOW YOU DOIN', GIRL?
S-S-STILL *KRK!* BUG-G-G-GY.
HANG IN THERE. WE'LL MAKE THIS RIGHT.
NICOLE
SUPER ADVANCED A.I.
(NOT DOING SO HOT RIGHT NOW)


AND I'D BE DOING IT A WHOLE LOT *FASTER* IF ROTE' WASN'T BEING SO DARN SECRETIVE!
S-S-SECRET PRO-⋟SHK⋞-JECT W-W-WITH TAILZZZ. ⋟WRP⋞H-H-HIDING-DING-DING FFFFFROM EGGMAN.
I...I *THINK* I REMEMBER THAT. IT SEEMS FAMILIAR. BUT IT'S HARD SIFTING THROUGH TWO SETS OF MEMORIES.
DON'T SWEAT IT, LI'L BRO. I'M SURE ROTOR CAN SORT IT ALL OUT FOR US...*WHEN* WE FIND HIM. *MAN,* I WISH WE COULD NARROW DOWN THAT SIGNAL OR FIND SOME KIND OF...
...GUIDE!


EFRIKA PLAINS...
OI! I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD IT, PUSHIN' THIS THING, DON'TCHA KNOW?
INDEED. MY SERVOS ARE CREAKING.
WELL, I'M TIRED, HUNGRY, THIRSTY, AND HAD TO CAMP OUT IN THE WILDERNESS, SO THE TWO OF YOU CAN GET OVER IT!
CUBOT HAS A BUGGY VOICE CHIP. HE TRIES...
ORBOT SASSY SUBORDINATE
DOCTOR EGGMAN MAD GENIUS
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. DON'T HAFTA BE SO MEAN ABOUT IT...
IF ONLY WE HAD A GENIUS MECHANIC WITH US. HE COULD DO SUCH THINGS AS FIX THE EGG MOBILE SO WE COULD GO HOME AND...
FIX IT WITH WHAT, YOU PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE BOCCE BALL?!
RRRUMBLE...
RRRUMBLE!!!
I HAVE NO TOOLS! NO FUEL CELLS! NO MACHINE SHOP TO WORK IN! NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE! IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE HIDING ALL THAT IN THAT BIG MOUTH OF YOURS--PLEASE! --DO SHARE!
RRRUMBLE...
AND WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT RACKET?!


RRRUMBLE!!!
KOFF KOFF!
IS THIS ANOTHER "SURPRISE INSPECTION," SIR?


SURPRISE INSPECTION ...?
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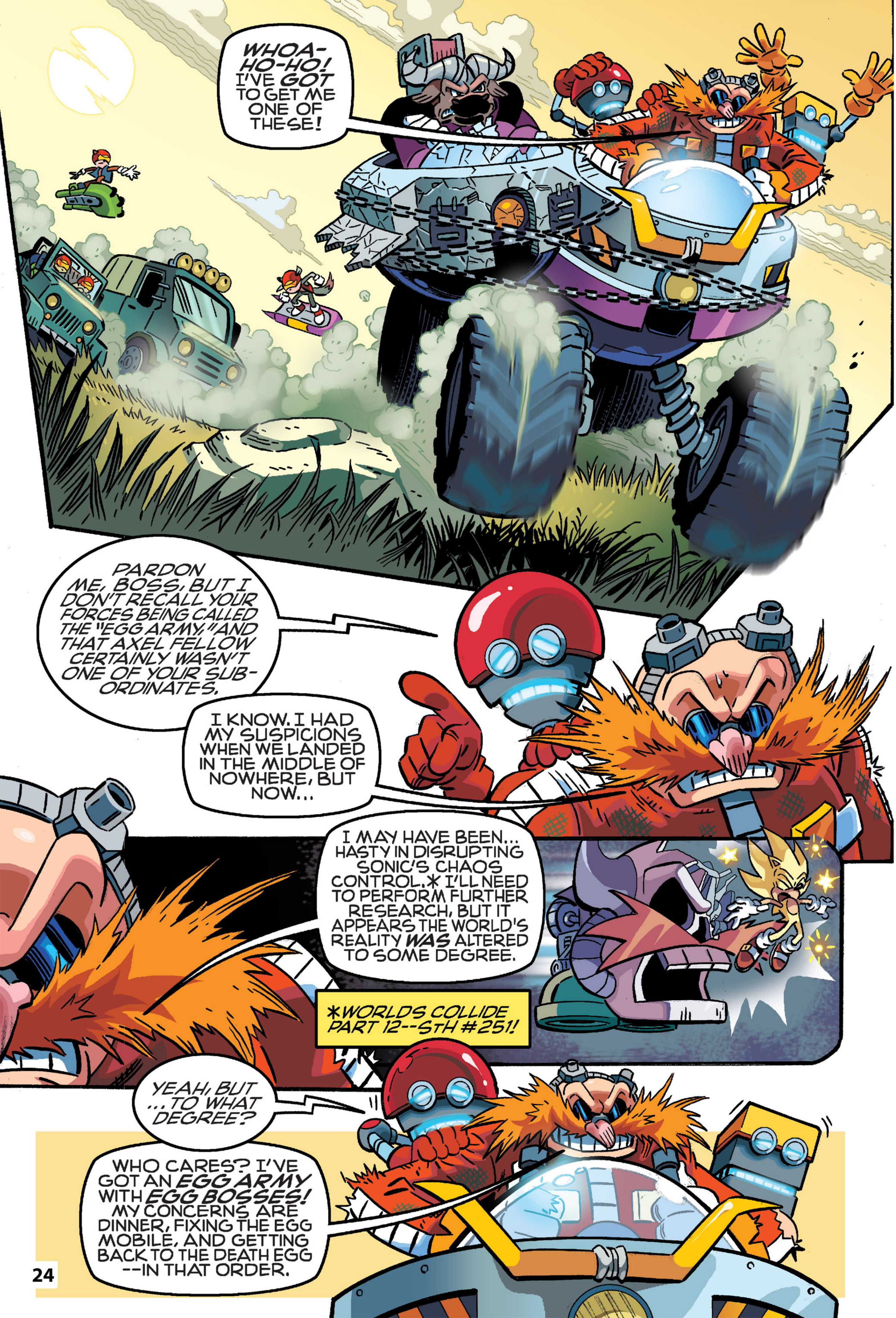
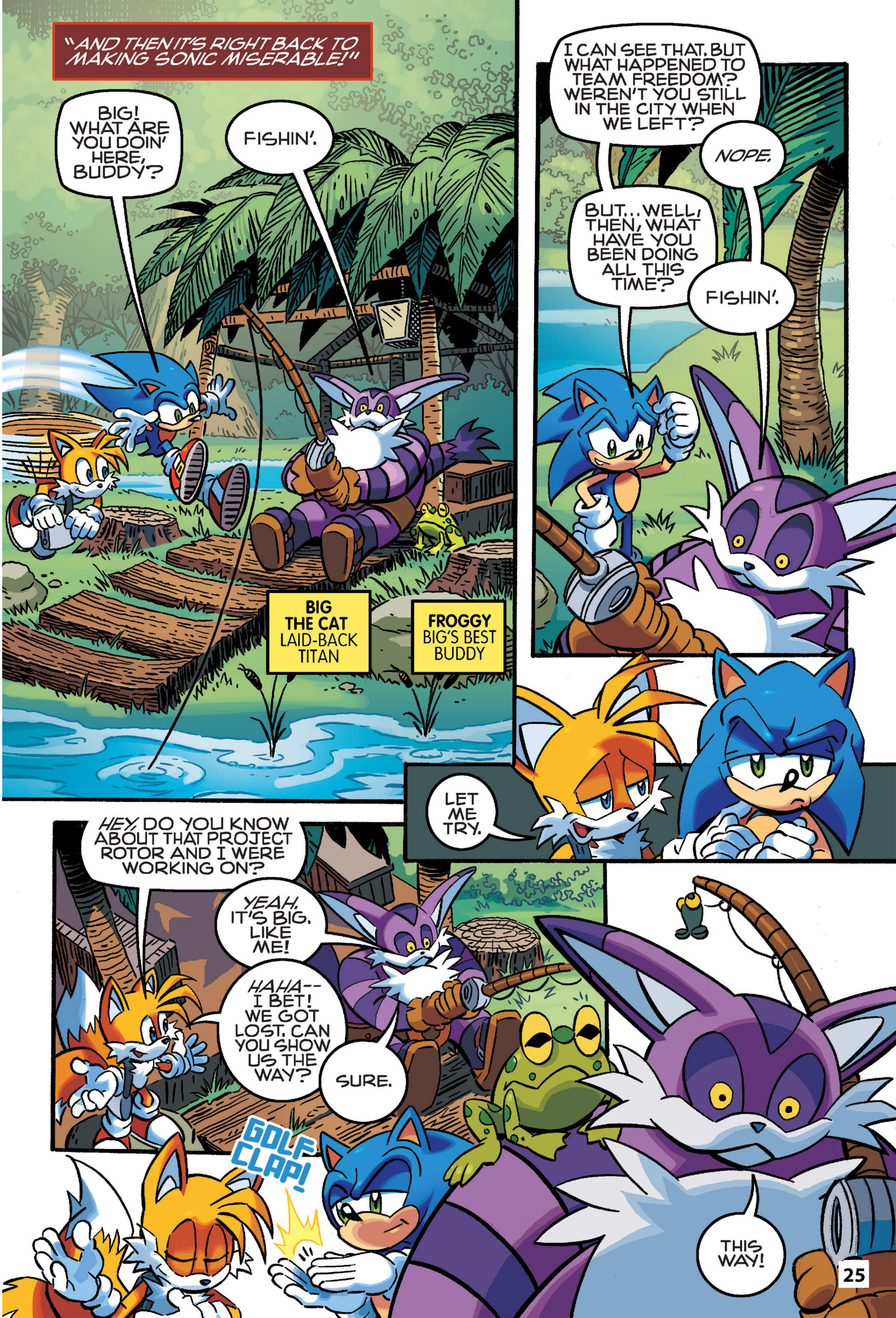
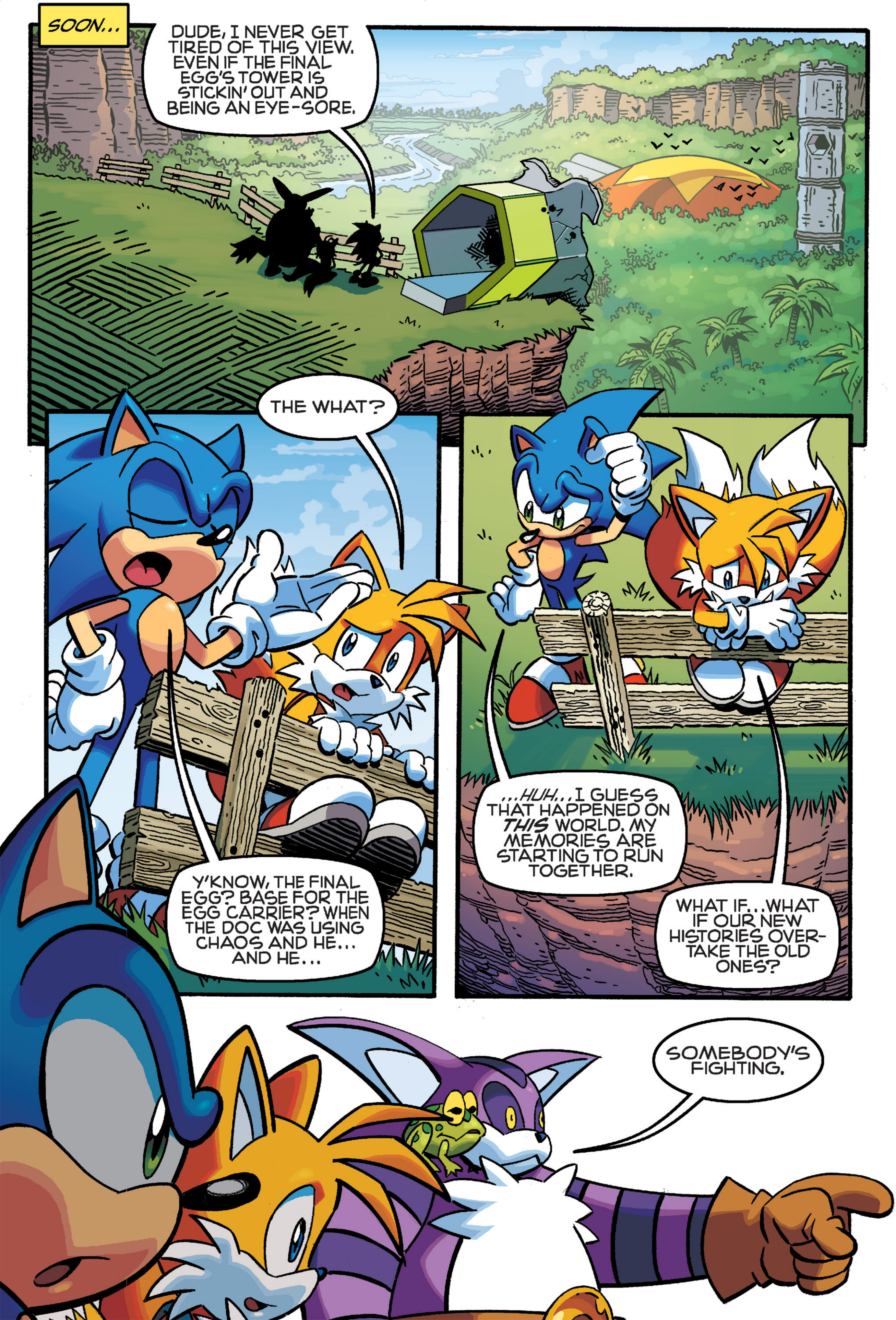
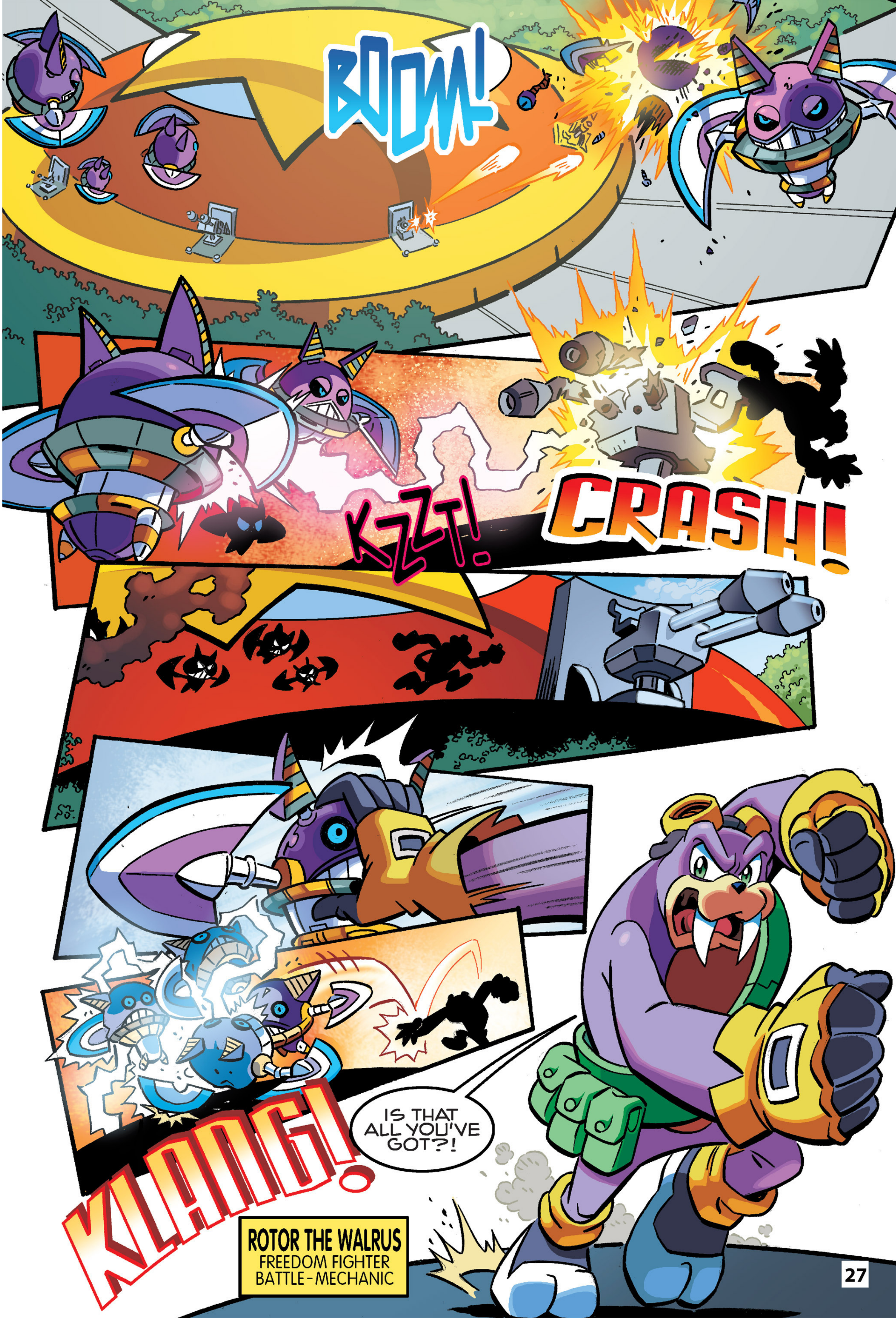
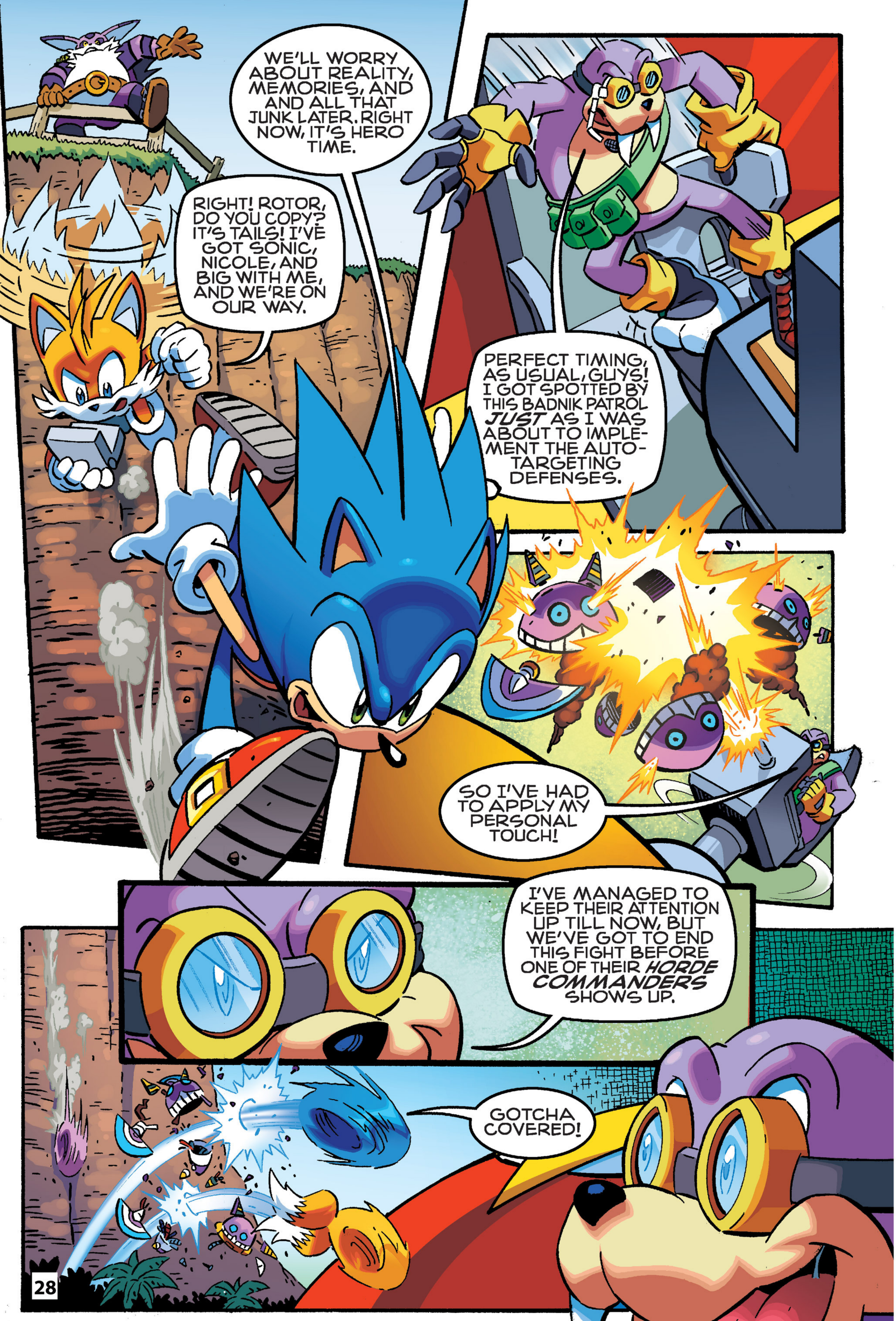
OF *COURSE* THIS IS AN INSPECTION! YOU DIDN'T LET ME SNEAK UP ON YOU, WHICH IS GOOD, BUT YOUR RESPONSE TIME IS LACKING. NAME, RANK--YOU KNOW THE DRILL!
⪢*SNORT*⪡ AXEL THE WATER BUFFALO, EGG BOSS TO THE EFRIKA EGG ARMY UNIT. *SIR.*
"EGG *ARMY!*" *OOH-HOO-HOO!*
YOU ...*UH*... NEED ANYTHING ELSE?

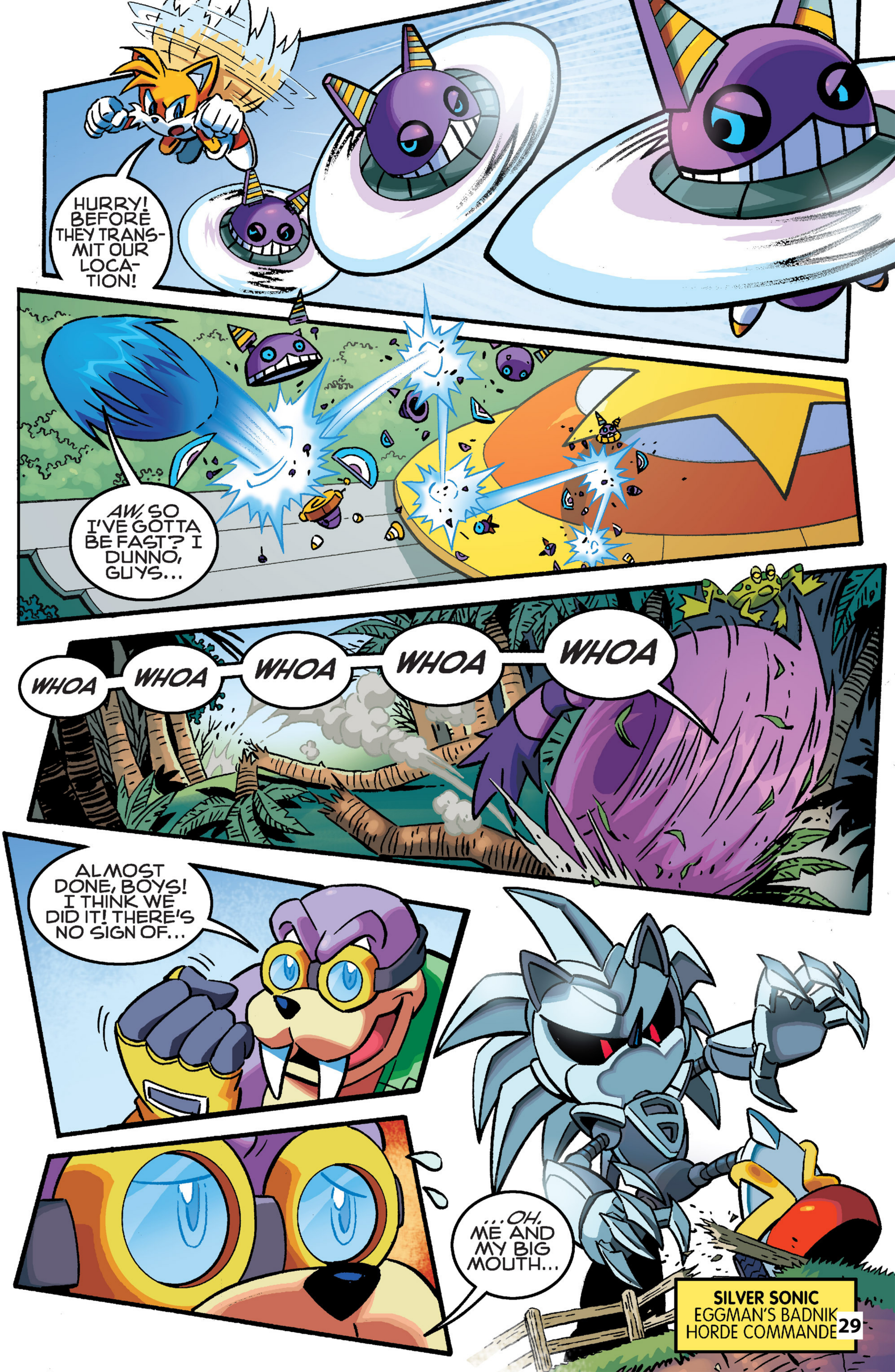

WHOA-HO-HO! I'VE GOT TO GET ME ONE OF THESE!
PARDON ME, BOSS, BUT I DON'T RECALL YOUR FORCES BEING CALLED THE "EGG ARMY," AND THAT AXEL FELLOW CERTAINLY WASN'T ONE OF YOUR SUBORDINATES.
I KNOW. I HAD MY SUSPICIONS WHEN WE LANDED IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, BUT NOW...
I MAY HAVE BEEN... HASTY IN DISRUPTING SONIC'S CHAOS CONTROL.* I'LL NEED TO PERFORM FURTHER RESEARCH, BUT IT APPEARS THE WORLD'S REALITY WAS ALTERED TO SOME DEGREE.
*WORLDS COLLIDE PART 12--STH #251!
YEAH, BUT ...TO WHAT DEGREE?
WHO CARES? I'VE GOT AN EGG ARMY WITH EGG BOSSES! MY CONCERNS ARE DINNER, FIXING THE EGG MOBILE, AND GETTING BACK TO THE DEATH EGG --IN THAT ORDER.

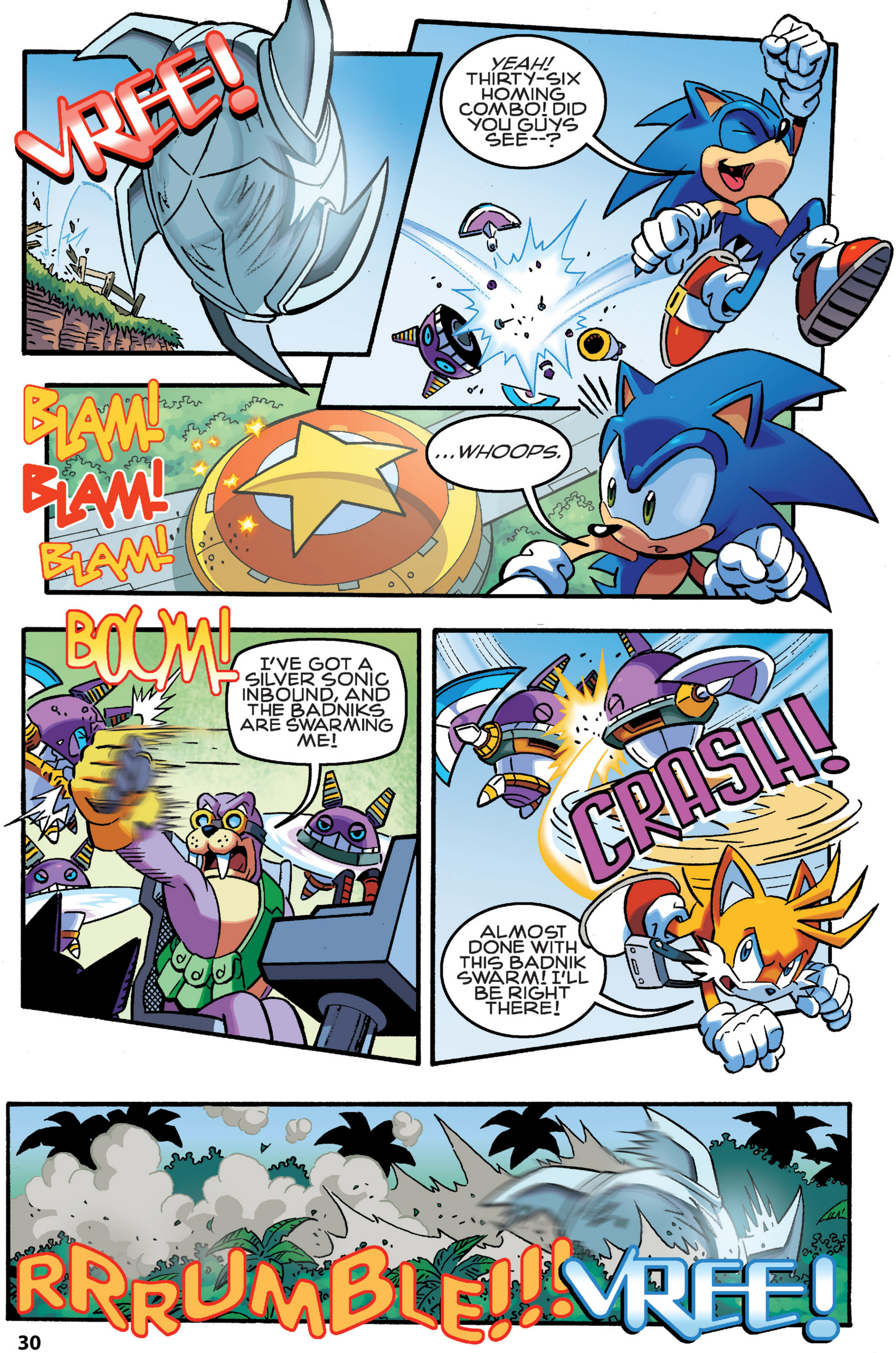

"AND THEN IT'S RIGHT BACK TO MAKING SONIC MISERABLE!"
BIG! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' HERE, BUDDY?
FISHIN'.
BIG THE CAT LAID-BACK TITAN
FROGGY BIG'S BEST BUDDY
I CAN SEE THAT. BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO TEAM FREEDOM? WEREN'T YOU STILL IN THE CITY WHEN WE LEFT?
NOPE.
BUT... WELL, THEN, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?
FISHIN'.
LET ME TRY.
HEY, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT PROJECT ROTOR AND I WERE WORKING ON?
YEAH. IT'S BIG. LIKE ME!
HAHA-- I BET! WE GOT LOST. CAN YOU SHOW US THE WAY?
SURE.
GOLF CLAP!
THIS WAY!

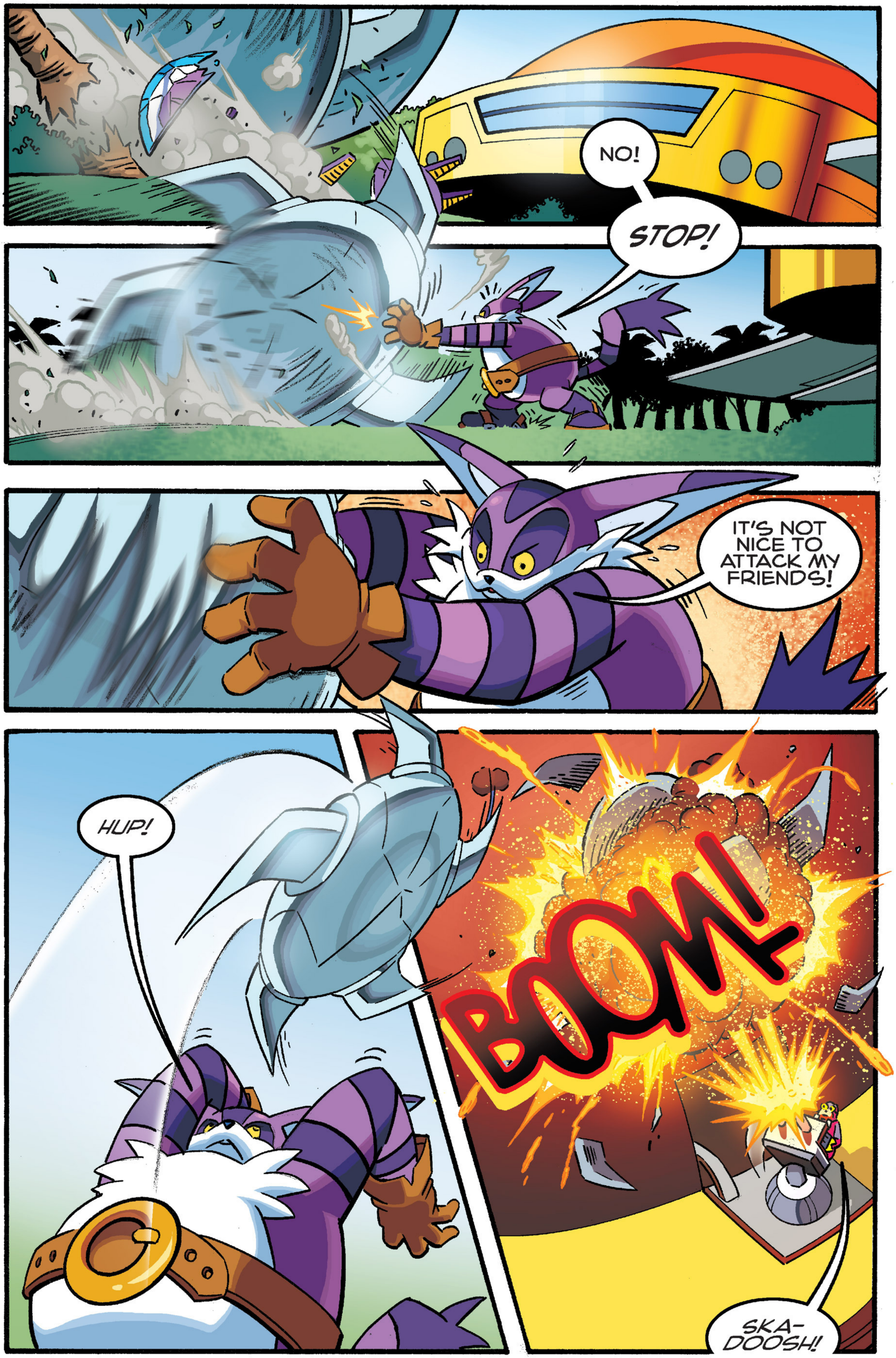

SOON...
DUDE, I NEVER GET TIRED OF THIS VIEW. EVEN IF THE FINAL EGG'S TOWER IS STICKIN' OUT AND BEING AN EYE-SORE.
THE WHAT?
Y'KNOW, THE FINAL EGG? BASE FOR THE EGG CARRIER? WHEN THE DOC WAS USING CHAOS AND HE... AND HE...
...HUH...I GUESS THAT HAPPENED ON *THIS* WORLD. MY MEMORIES ARE STARTING TO RUN TOGETHER.
WHAT IF...WHAT IF OUR NEW HISTORIES OVER-TAKE THE OLD ONES?
SOMEBODY'S FIGHTING.

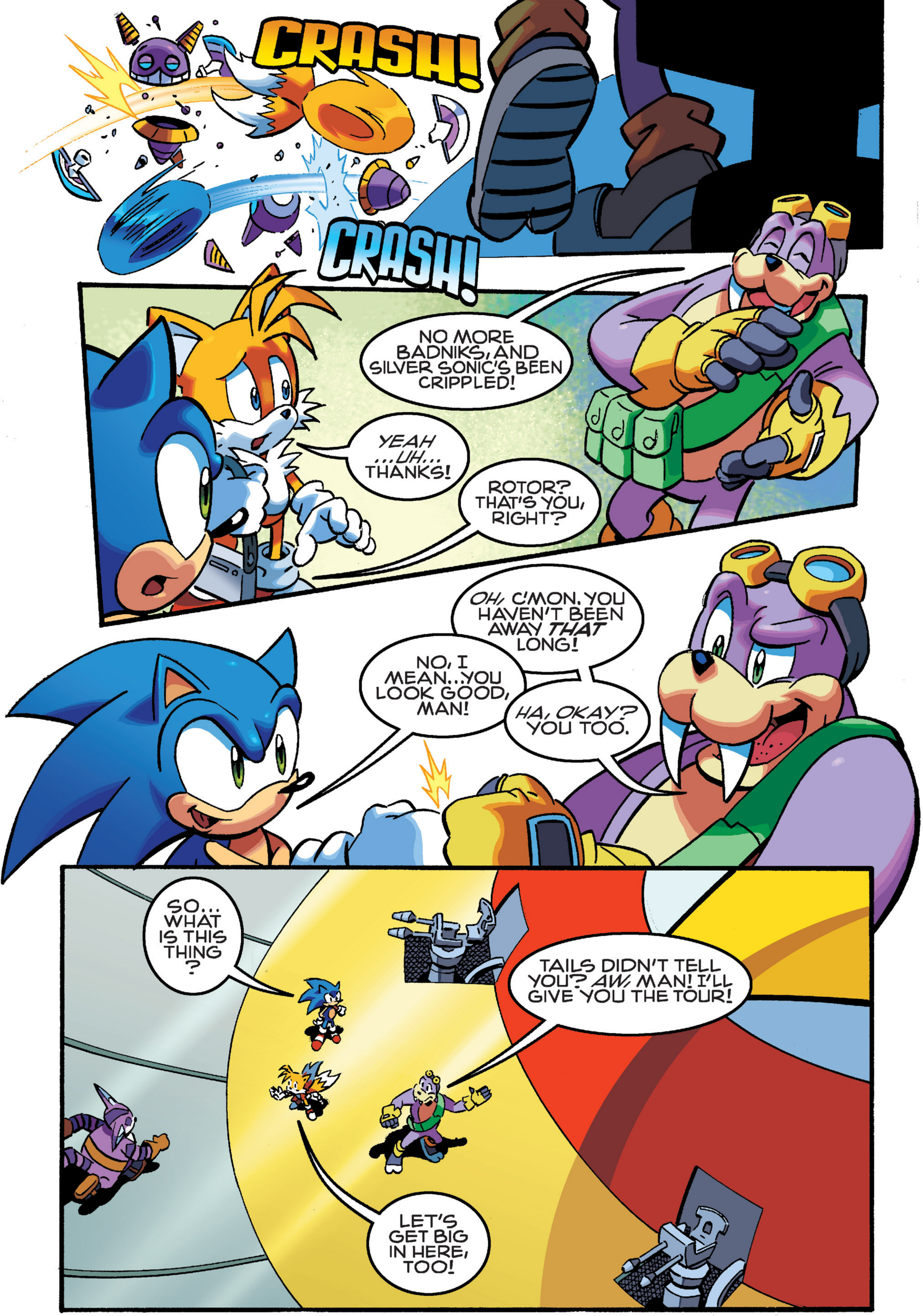

BOOM!
KZZT!
CRASH!
KLANG!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!
ROTOR THE WALRUS
FREEDOM FIGHTER
BATTLE-MECHANIC

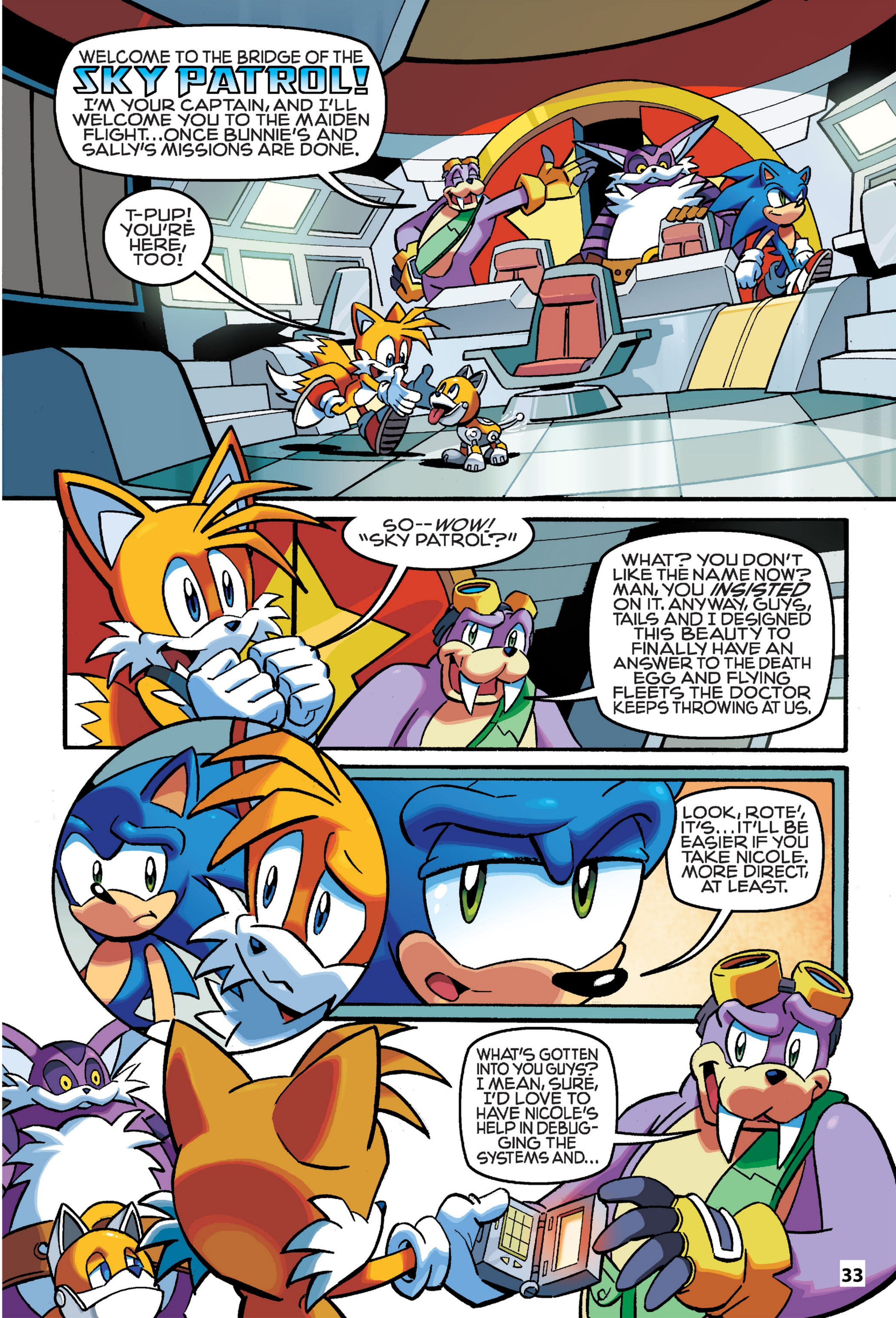

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT REALITY, MEMORIES, AND AND ALL THAT JUNK LATER. RIGHT NOW, IT'S HERO TIME.
RIGHT! ROTOR, DO YOU COPY? IT'S TAILS! I'VE GOT SONIC, NICOLE, AND BIG WITH ME, AND WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
PERFECT TIMING, AS USUAL, GUYS! I GOT SPOTTED BY THIS BADNIK PATROL *JUST* AS I WAS ABOUT TO IMPLEMENT THE AUTO-TARGETING DEFENSES.
SO I'VE HAD TO APPLY MY PERSONAL TOUCH!
I'VE MANAGED TO KEEP THEIR ATTENTION UP TILL NOW, BUT WE'VE GOT TO END THIS FIGHT BEFORE ONE OF THEIR *HORDE COMMANDERS* SHOWS UP.
GOTCHA COVERED!

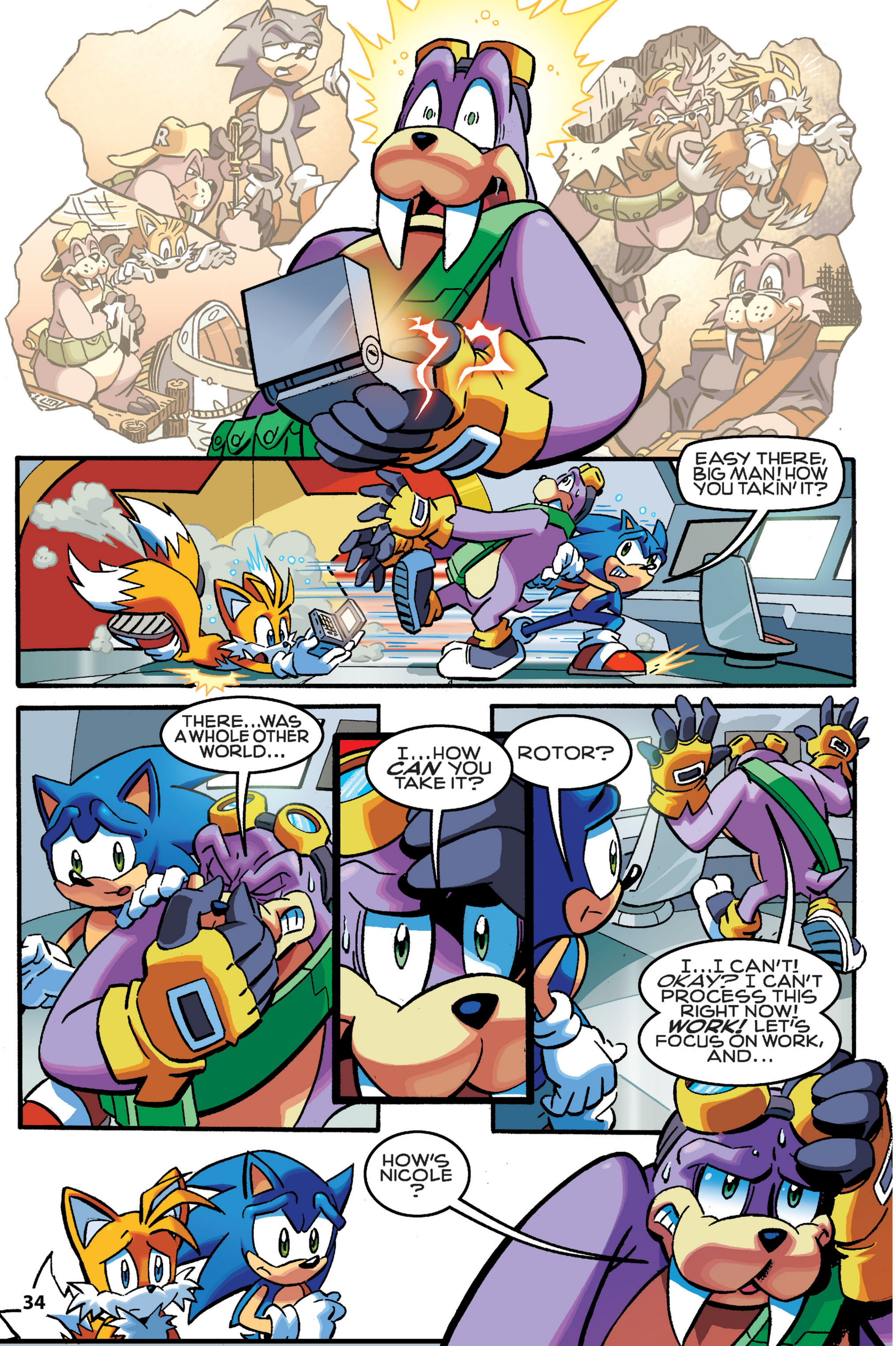

HURRY! BEFORE THEY TRANSMIT OUR LOCATION!
AW, SO I'VE GOTTA BE FAST? I DUNNO, GUYS...
WHOA
WHOA
WHOA
WHOA
WHOA
ALMOST DONE, BOYS! I THINK WE DID IT! THERE'S NO SIGN OF...
...OH. ME AND MY BIG MOUTH...
SILVER SONIC
EGGMAN'S BADNIK HORDE COMMANDE

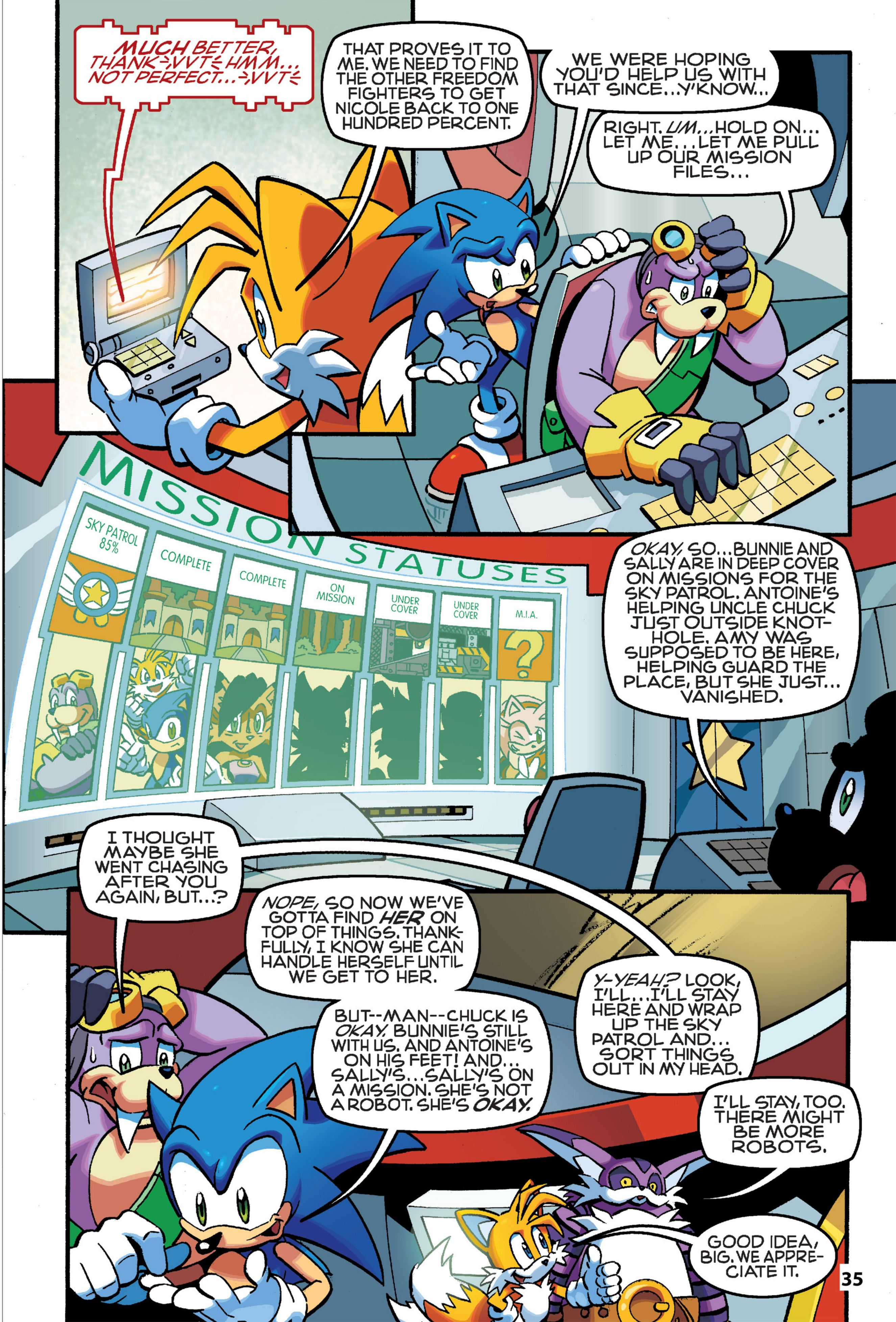

VREE!
YEAH! THIRTY-SIX HOMING COMBO! DID YOU GUYS SEE--?
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
...WHOOPS.
BOOM!
I'VE GOT A SILVER SONIC INBOUND, AND THE BADNIKS ARE SWARMING ME!
CRASH!
ALMOST DONE WITH THIS BADNIK SWARM! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
RRRUMBLE!!!
VREE!

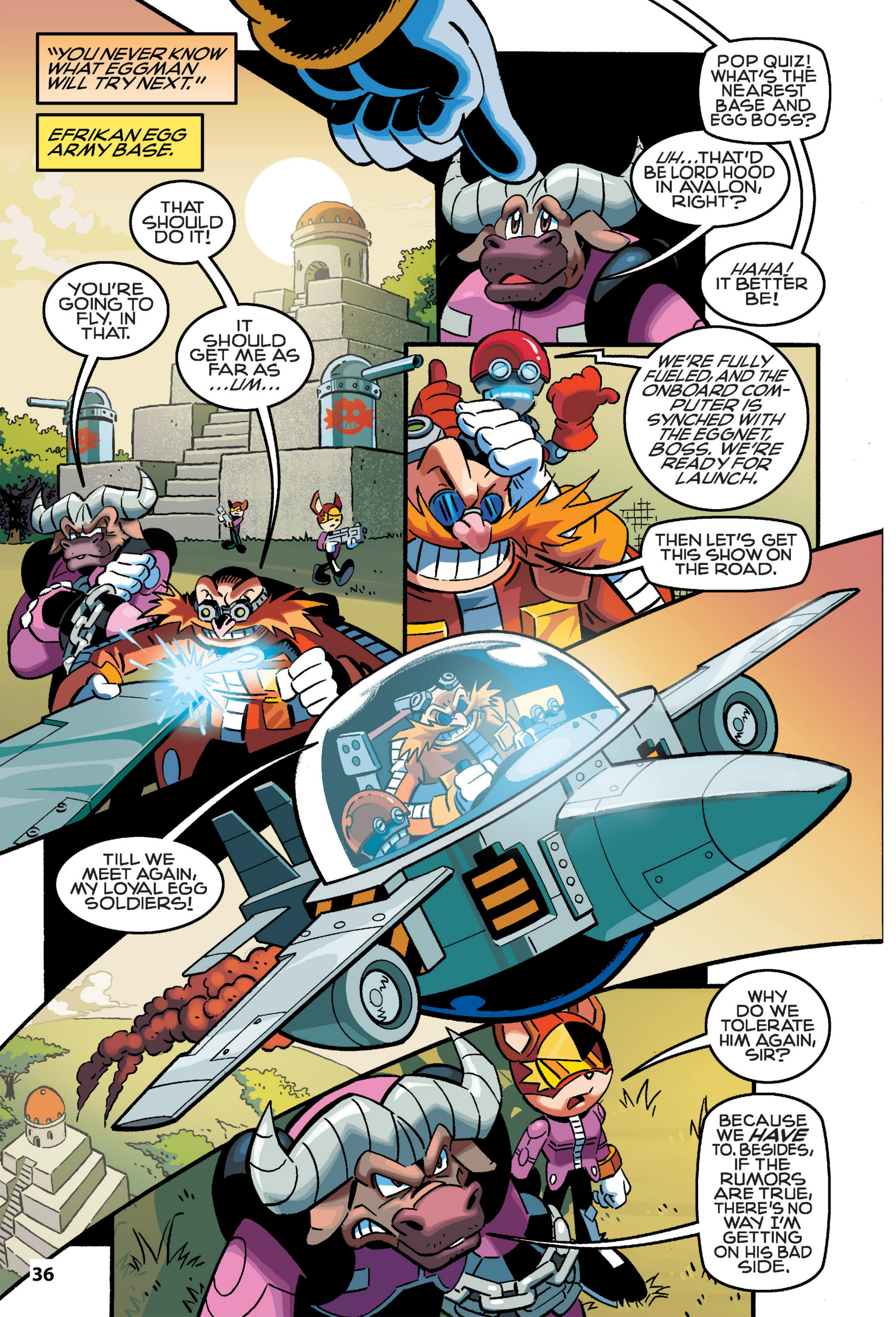

NO!
STOP!
IT'S NOT NICE TO ATTACK MY FRIENDS!
HUP!
BOOM!
SKA-DOOSH!

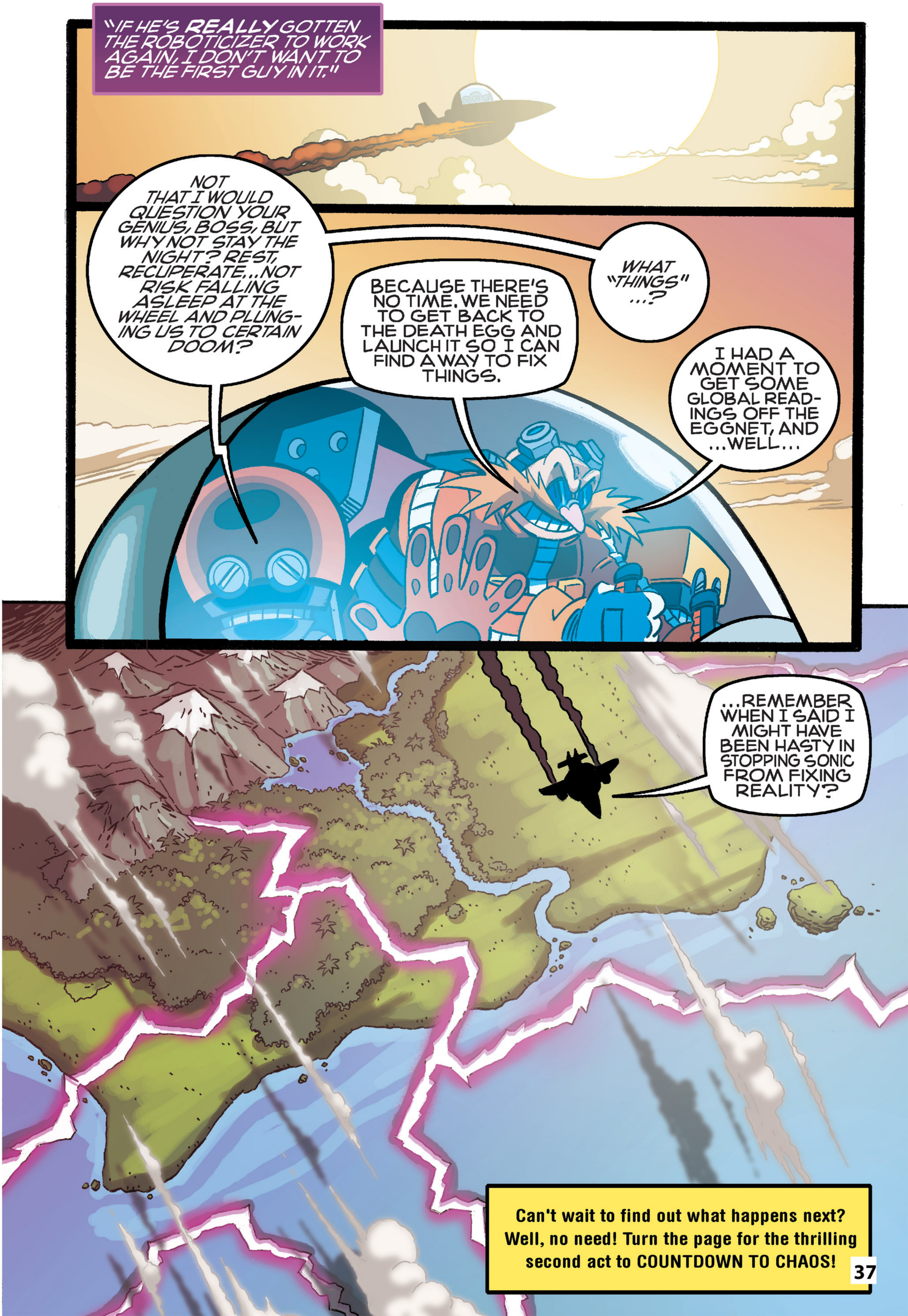

CRASH!
CRASH!
NO MORE BADNIKS, AND SILVER SONIC'S BEEN CRIPPLED!
YEAH ...UH... THANKS!
ROTOR? THAT'S YOU, RIGHT?
OH, C'MON, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AWAY THAT LONG!
NO, I MEAN...YOU LOOK GOOD, MAN!
HA, OKAY? YOU TOO.
SO... WHAT IS THIS THING?
TAILS DIDN'T TELL YOU? AW, MAN! I'LL GIVE YOU THE TOUR!
LET'S GET BIG IN HERE, TOO!


WELCOME TO THE BRIDGE OF THE SKY PATROL! I'M YOUR CAPTAIN, AND I'LL WELCOME YOU TO THE MAIDEN FLIGHT...ONCE BUNNIE'S AND SALLY'S MISSIONS ARE DONE.
T-PUP! YOU'RE HERE, TOO!
SO--*WOW!* "SKY PATROL?"
WHAT? YOU DON'T LIKE THE NAME NOW? MAN, YOU *INSISTED* ON IT. ANYWAY, GUYS, TAILS AND I DESIGNED THIS BEAUTY TO FINALLY HAVE AN ANSWER TO THE DEATH EGG AND FLYING FLEETS THE DOCTOR KEEPS THROWING AT US.
LOOK, ROTE', IT'S...IT'LL BE EASIER IF YOU TAKE NICOLE. MORE DIRECT, AT LEAST.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU GUYS? I MEAN, SURE, I'D LOVE TO HAVE NICOLE'S HELP IN DEBUGGING THE SYSTEMS AND...


EASY THERE, BIG MAN! HOW YOU TAKIN' IT?
THERE...WAS A WHOLE OTHER WORLD...
I...HOW *CAN* YOU TAKE IT?
ROTOR?
I...I CAN'T! *OKAY?* I CAN'T PROCESS THIS RIGHT NOW! ***WORK!*** LET'S FOCUS ON WORK, AND...
HOW'S NICOLE?


MUCH BETTER, THANK-›VVT‹-HMM... NOT PERFECT...›VVT‹
THAT PROVES IT TO ME. WE NEED TO FIND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO GET NICOLE BACK TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.
WE WERE HOPING YOU'D HELP US WITH THAT SINCE...Y'KNOW...
RIGHT. UM...HOLD ON... LET ME...LET ME PULL UP OUR MISSION FILES...
MISSION STATUSES
SKY PATROL 85%
COMPLETE
COMPLETE
ON MISSION
UNDER COVER
UNDER COVER
M.I.A.
OKAY, SO...BUNNIE AND SALLY ARE IN DEEP COVER ON MISSIONS FOR THE SKY PATROL. ANTOINE'S HELPING UNCLE CHUCK JUST OUTSIDE KNOTHOLE. AMY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE, HELPING GUARD THE PLACE, BUT SHE JUST... VANISHED.
I THOUGHT MAYBE SHE WENT CHASING AFTER YOU AGAIN, BUT...?
NOPE, SO NOW WE'VE GOTTA FIND HER ON TOP OF THINGS. THANKFULLY, I KNOW SHE CAN HANDLE HERSELF UNTIL WE GET TO HER.
BUT--MAN--CHUCK IS OKAY. BUNNIE'S STILL WITH US. AND ANTOINE'S ON HIS FEET! AND... SALLY'S...SALLY'S ON A MISSION. SHE'S NOT A ROBOT. SHE'S OKAY.
Y-YEAH? LOOK, I'LL...I'LL STAY HERE AND WRAP UP THE SKY PATROL AND... SORT THINGS OUT IN MY HEAD.
I'LL STAY, TOO. THERE MIGHT BE MORE ROBOTS.
GOOD IDEA, BIG. WE APPRECIATE IT.


"YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EGGMAN WILL TRY NEXT."
EFRIKAN EGG ARMY BASE.
YOU'RE GOING TO FLY. IN THAT.
THAT SHOULD DO IT!
IT SHOULD GET ME AS FAR AS ...UM...
POP QUIZ! WHAT'S THE NEAREST BASE AND EGG BOSS?
UH...THAT'D BE LORD HOOD IN AVALON, RIGHT?
HAHA! IT BETTER BE!
WE'RE FULLY FUELED, AND THE ONBOARD COMPUTER IS SYNCHED WITH THE EGGNET, BOSS. WE'RE READY FOR LAUNCH.
THEN LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.
TILL WE MEET AGAIN, MY LOYAL EGG SOLDIERS!
WHY DO WE TOLERATE HIM AGAIN, SIR?
BECAUSE WE HAVE TO. BESIDES, IF THE RUMORS ARE TRUE, THERE'S NO WAY I'M GETTING ON HIS BAD SIDE.


"IF HE'S REALLY GOTTEN THE ROBOTICIZER TO WORK AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE FIRST GUY IN IT."
NOT THAT I WOULD QUESTION YOUR GENIUS, BOSS, BUT WHY NOT STAY THE NIGHT? REST, RECUPERATE...NOT RISK FALLING ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL AND PLUNGING US TO CERTAIN DOOM?
BECAUSE THERE'S NO TIME. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG AND LAUNCH IT SO I CAN FIND A WAY TO FIX THINGS.
WHAT "THINGS" ...?
I HAD A MOMENT TO GET SOME GLOBAL READINGS OFF THE EGGNET, AND ...WELL...
...REMEMBER WHEN I SAID I MIGHT HAVE BEEN HASTY IN STOPPING SONIC FROM FIXING REALITY?

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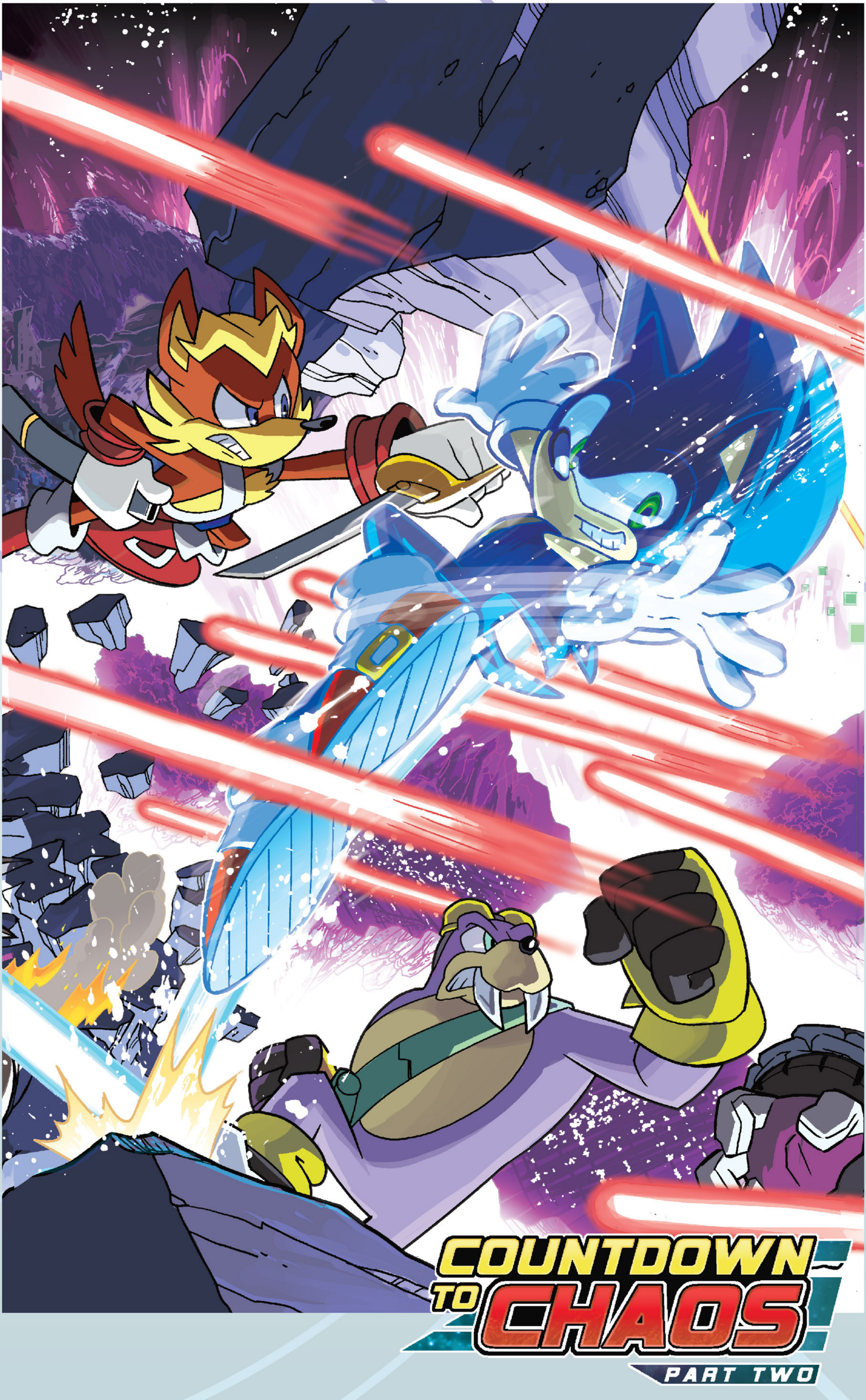
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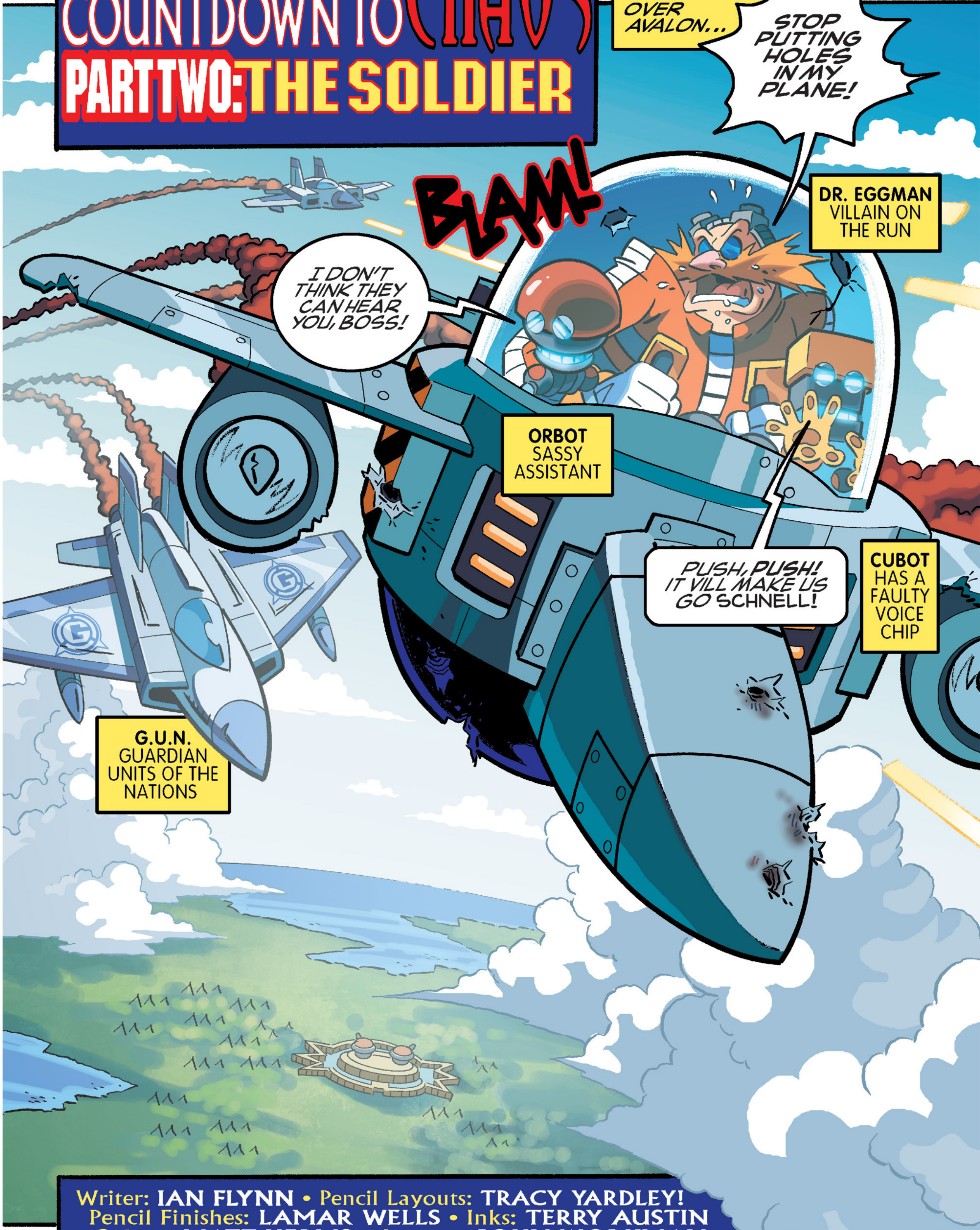
IN THE SKIES OVER AVALON...
STOP PUTTING HOLES IN MY PLANE!
BLAM!
DR. EGGMAN VILLAIN ON THE RUN
I DON'T THINK THEY CAN HEAR YOU, BOSS!
ORBOT SASSY ASSISTANT
PUSH, PUSH! IT VILL MAKE US GO SCHNELL!
CUBOT HAS A FAULTY VOICE CHIP
G.U.N. GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS

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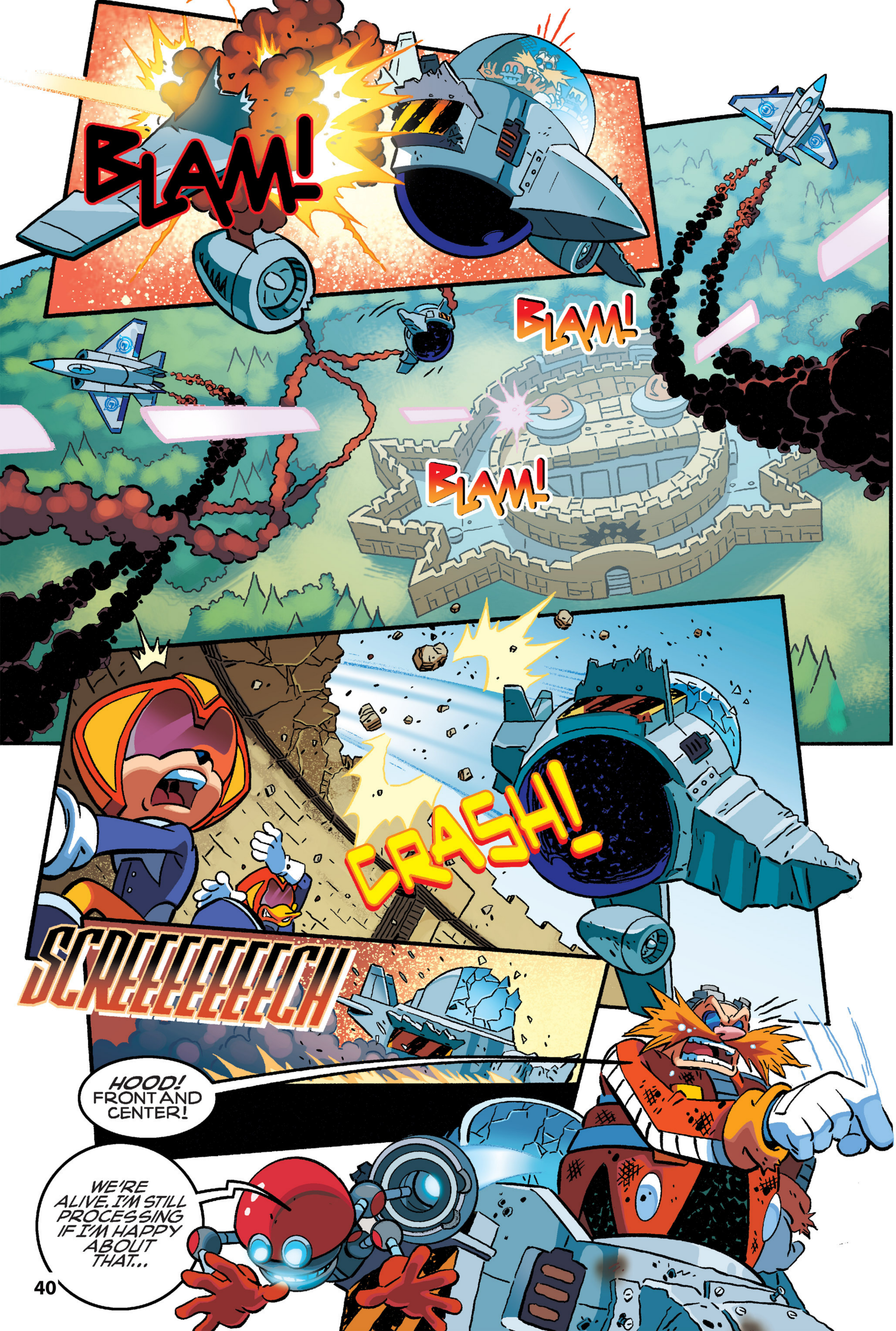
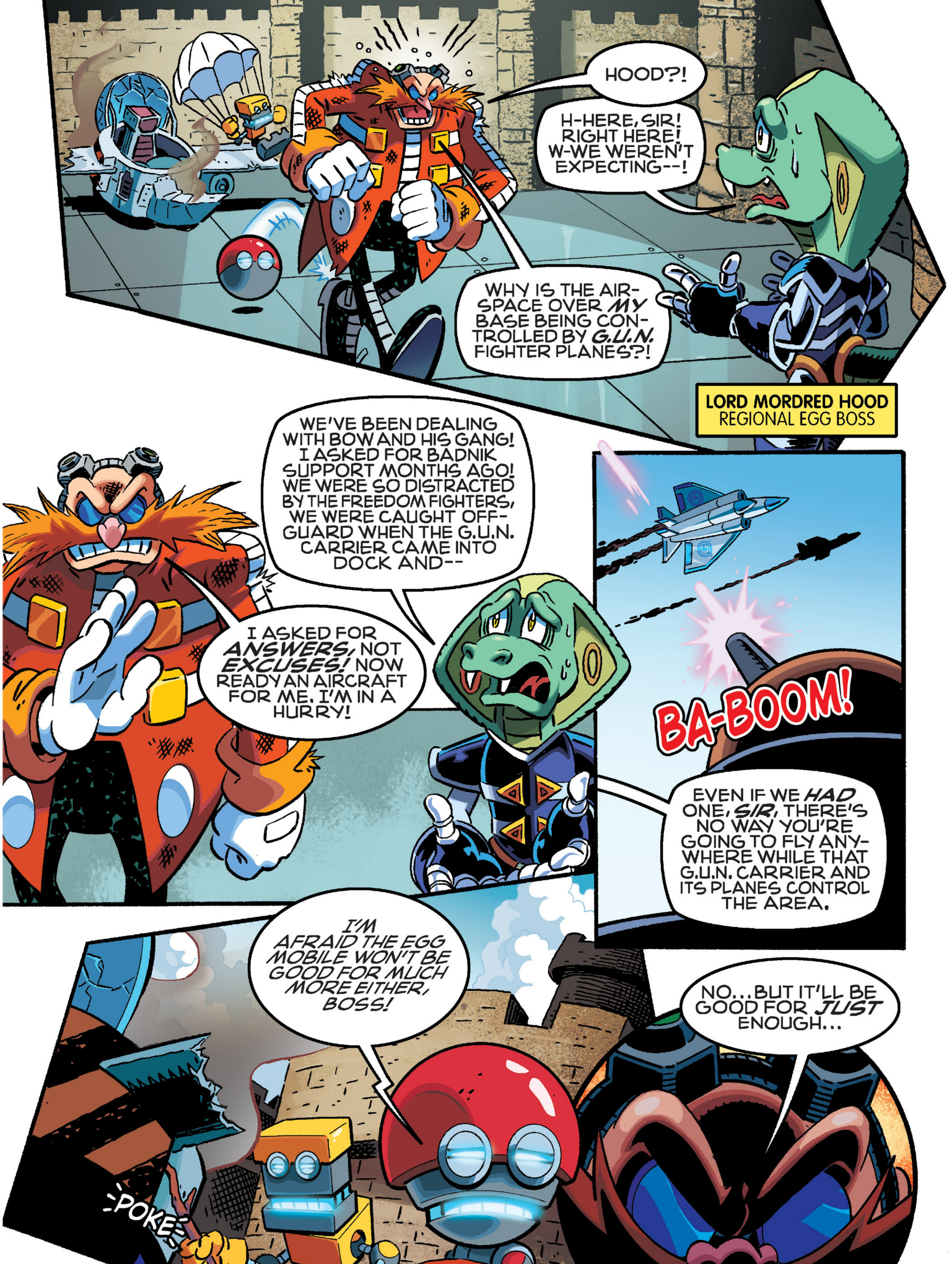
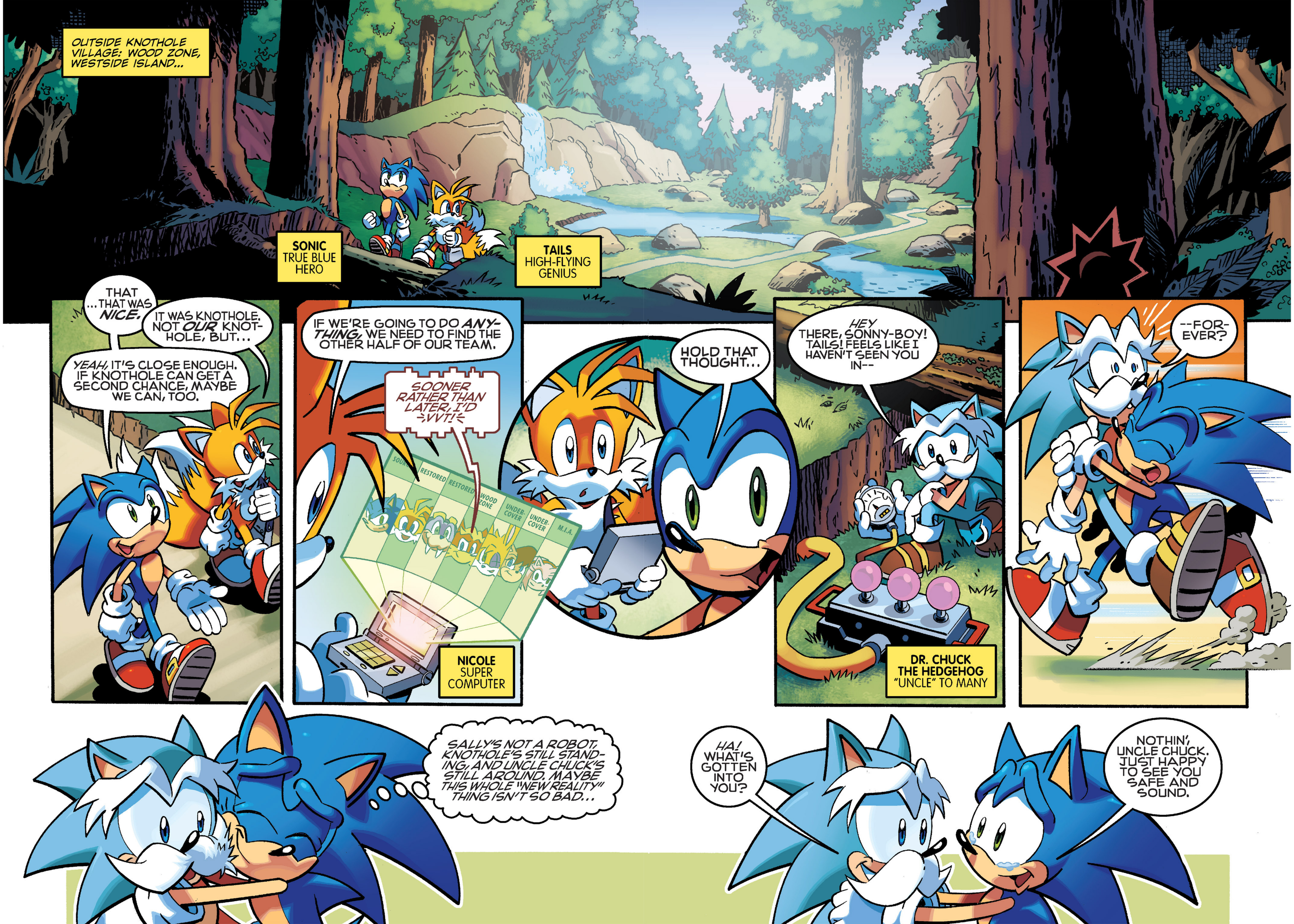
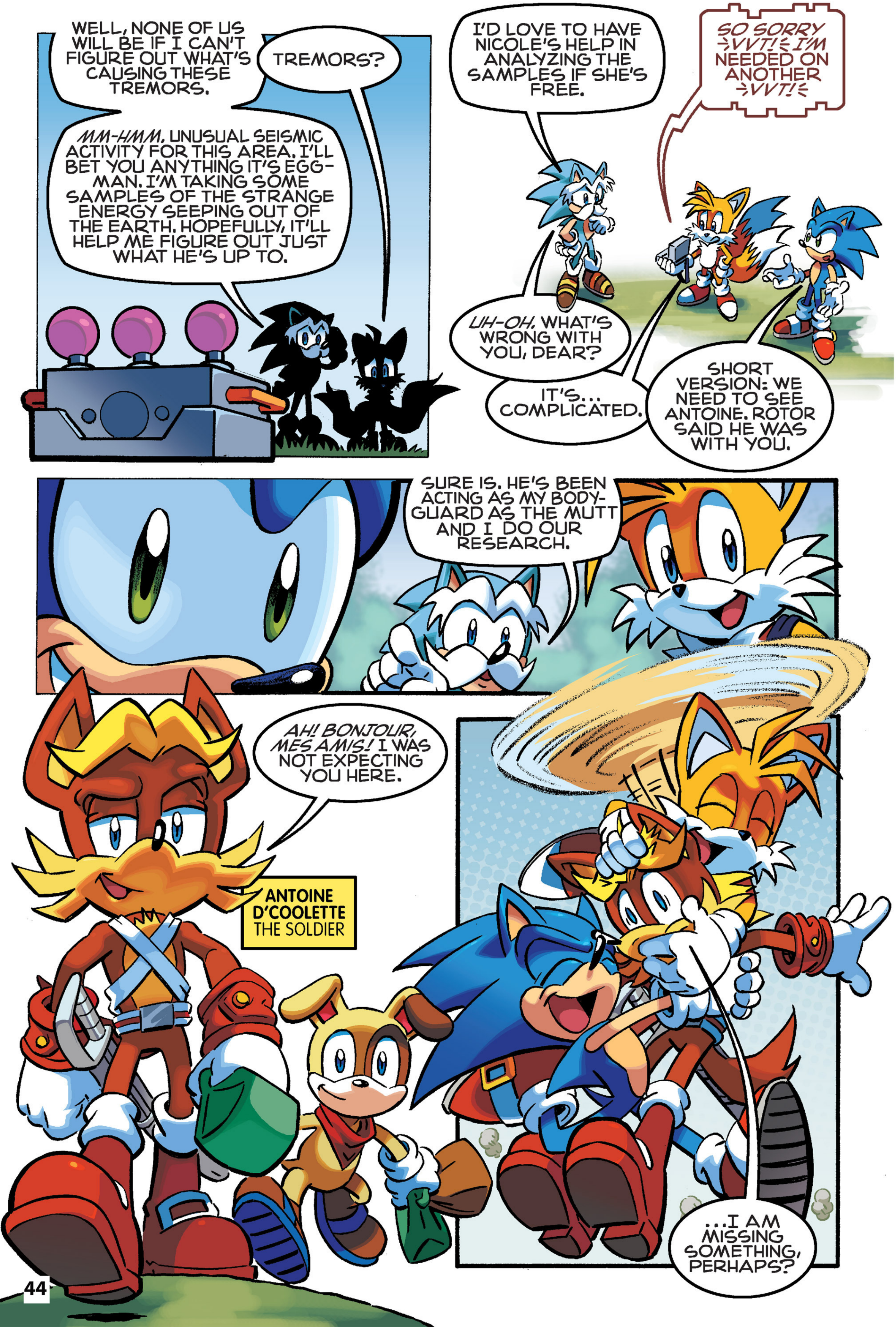
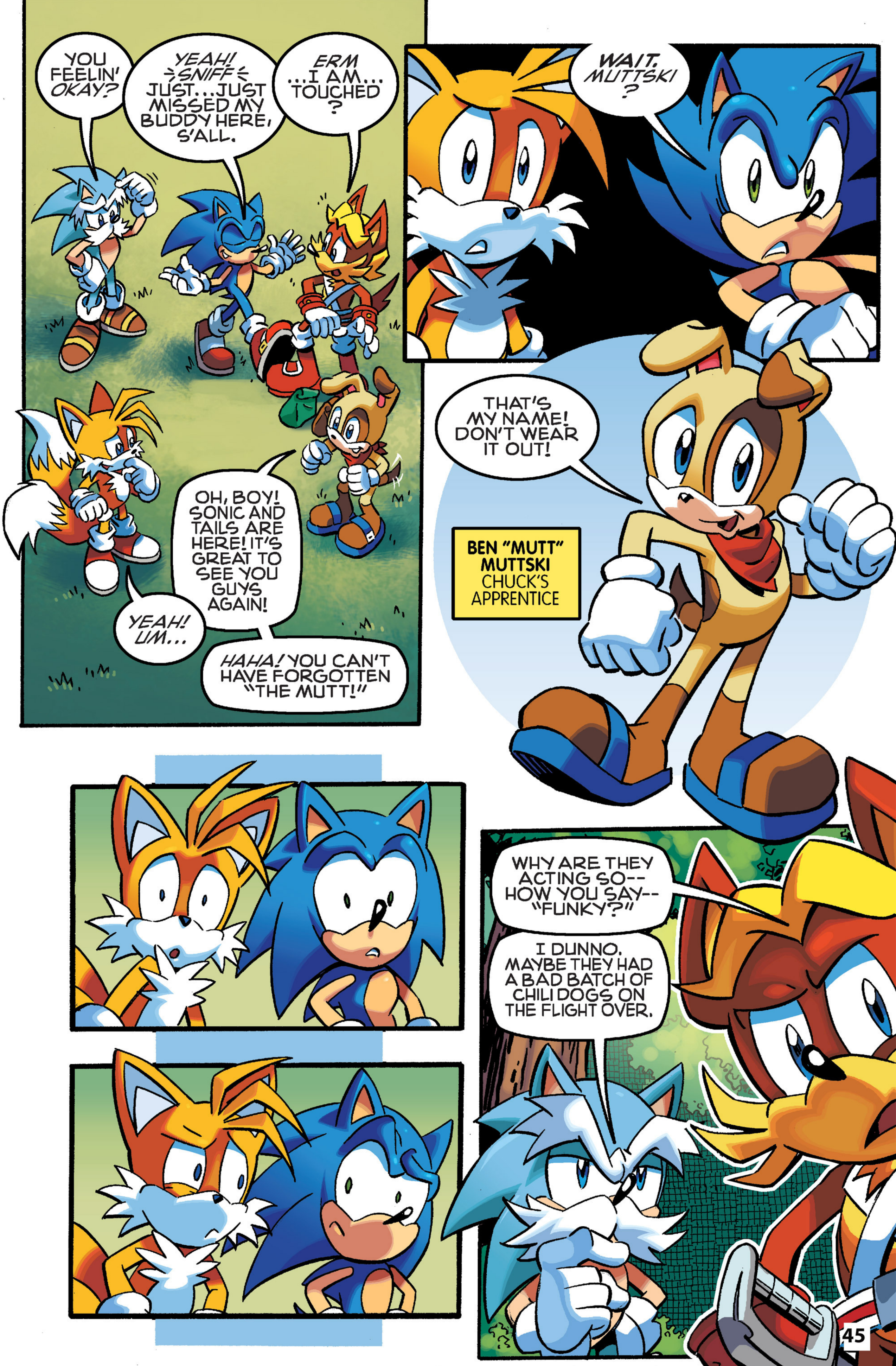
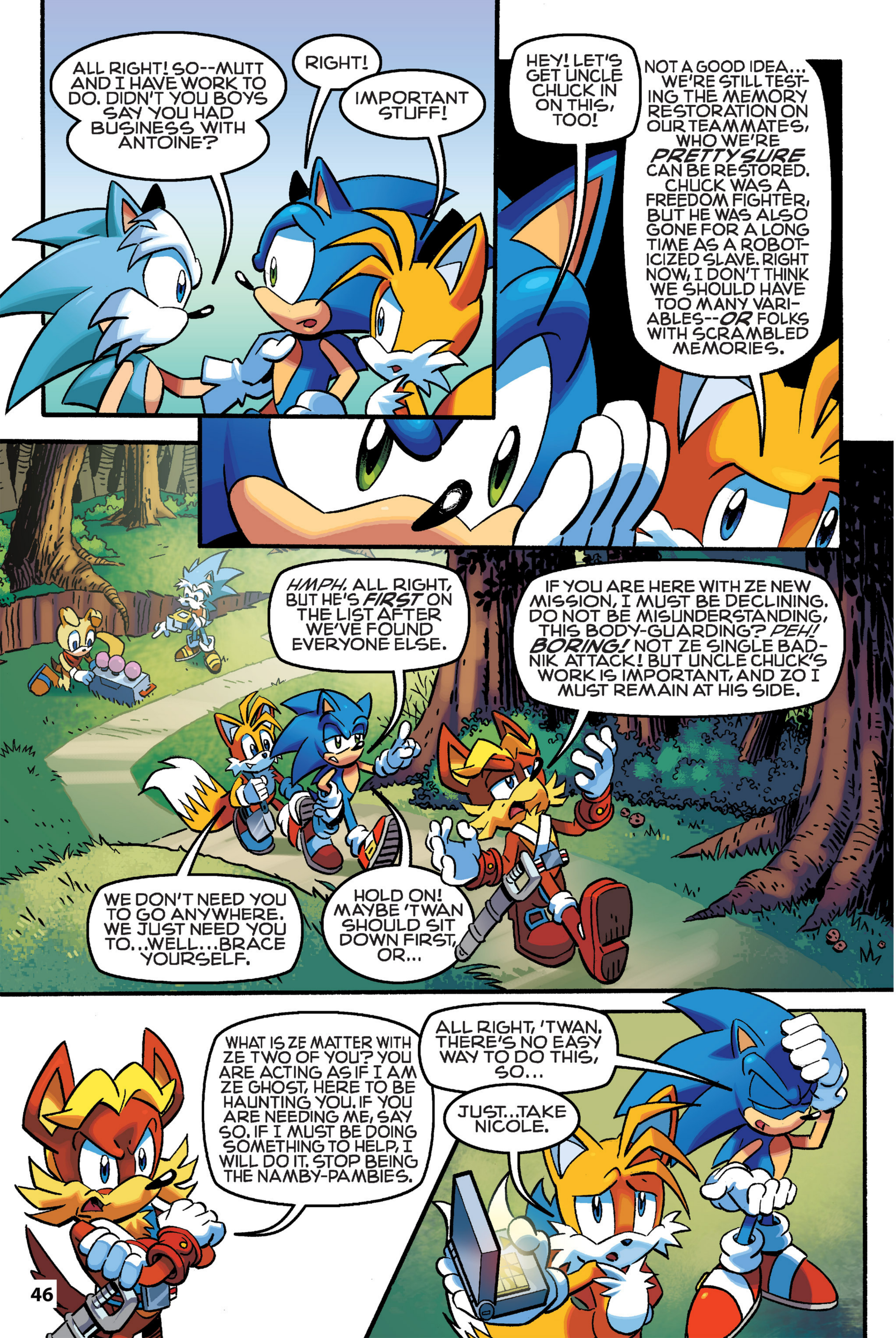

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
CRASH!
SCREEEEEEECH
HOOD! FRONT AND CENTER!
WE'RE ALIVE. I'M STILL PROCESSING IF I'M HAPPY ABOUT THAT...

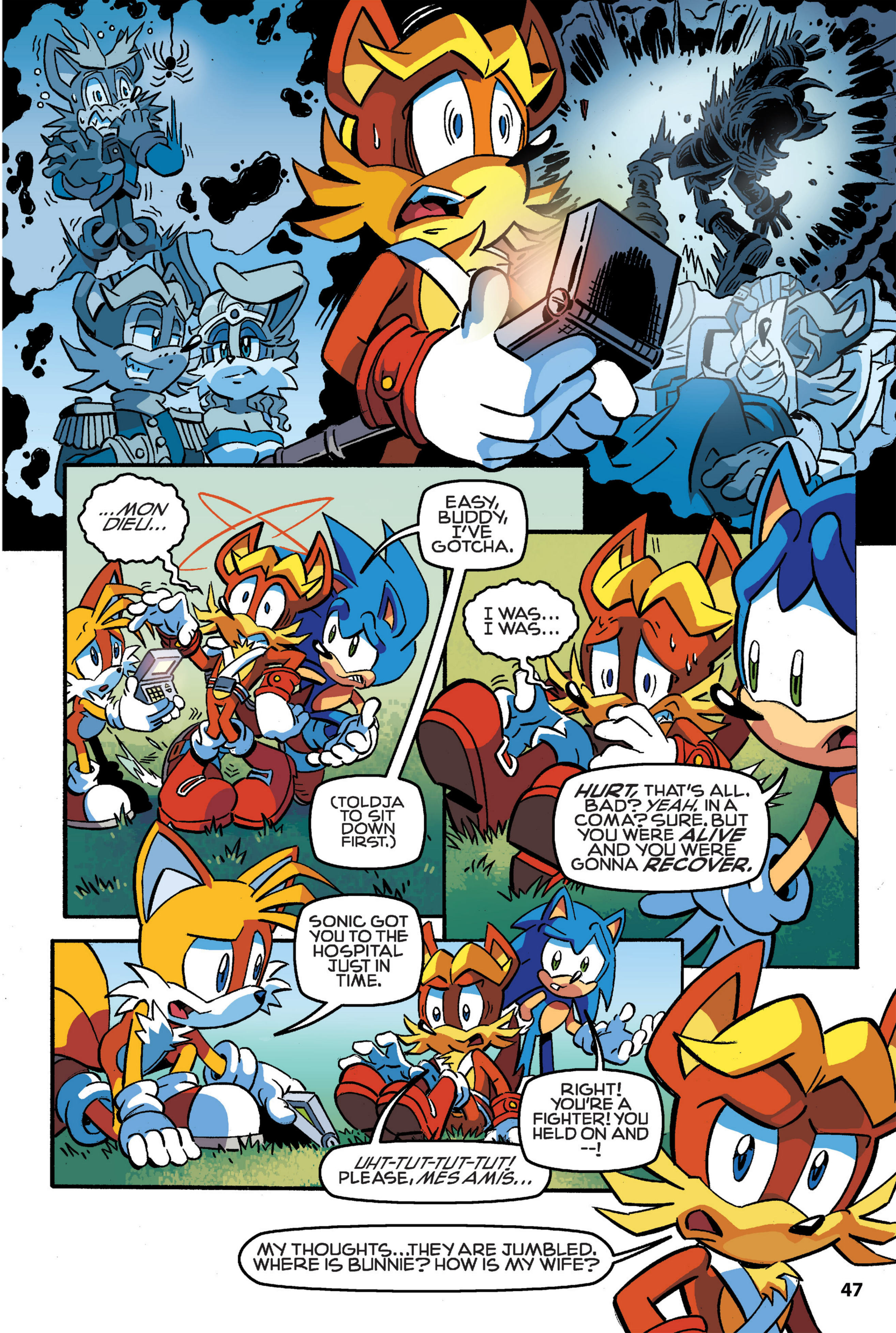

HOOD?!
H-HERE, SIR! RIGHT HERE! W-WE WEREN'T EXPECTING--!
WHY IS THE AIRSPACE OVER *MY* BASE BEING CONTROLLED BY *G.U.N.* FIGHTER PLANES?!
LORD MORDRED HOOD
REGIONAL EGG BOSS
WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH BOW AND HIS GANG! I ASKED FOR BADNIK SUPPORT MONTHS AGO! WE WERE SO DISTRACTED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WE WERE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD WHEN THE G.U.N. CARRIER CAME INTO DOCK AND--
I ASKED FOR *ANSWERS,* NOT *EXCUSES!* NOW READY AN AIRCRAFT FOR ME. I'M IN A HURRY!
BA-BOOM!
EVEN IF WE *HAD* ONE, *SIR,* THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE GOING TO FLY ANYWHERE WHILE THAT G.U.N. CARRIER AND ITS PLANES CONTROL THE AREA.
I'M AFRAID THE EGG MOBILE WON'T BE GOOD FOR MUCH MORE EITHER, BOSS!
POKE
NO... BUT IT'LL BE GOOD FOR *JUST* ENOUGH...

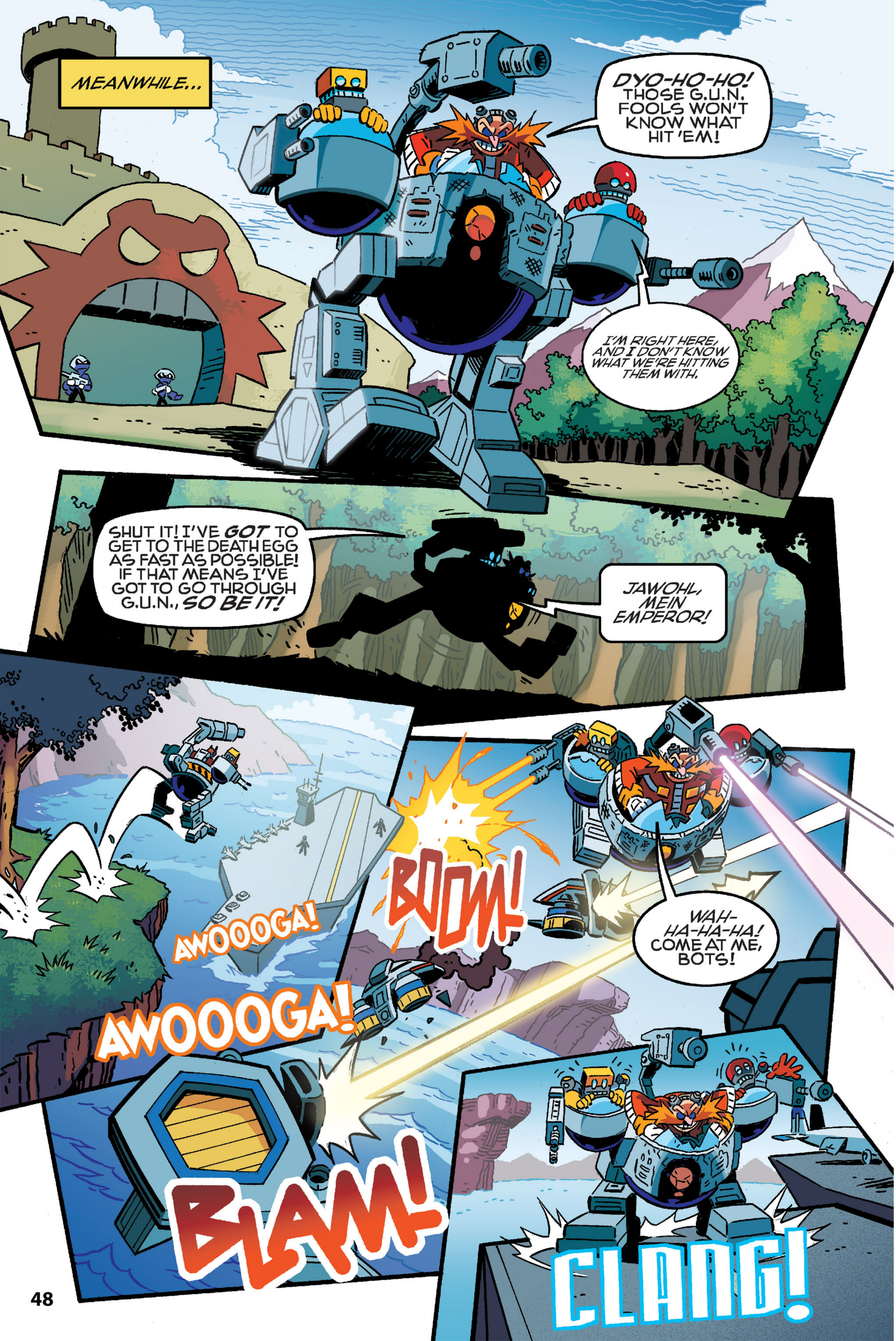

OUTSIDE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE: WOOD ZONE, WESTSIDE ISLAND...
SONIC TRUE BLUE HERO
TAILS HIGH-FLYING GENIUS
THAT ...THAT WAS NICE.
IT WAS KNOTHOLE. NOT OUR KNOTHOLE, BUT...
YEAH, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH. IF KNOTHOLE CAN GET A SECOND CHANCE, MAYBE WE CAN, TOO.
IF WE'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING, WE NEED TO FIND THE OTHER HALF OF OUR TEAM.
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, I'D ›VVT!‹
SOUR
RESTORED
RESTORED
WOOD ZONE
UNDER-COVER
UNDER-COVER
M.I.A.
NICOLE SUPER COMPUTER
HOLD THAT THOUGHT...
HEY THERE, SONNY-BOY! TAILS! FEELS LIKE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN--
DR. CHUCK THE HEDGEHOG "UNCLE" TO MANY
--FOREVER?
SALLY'S NOT A ROBOT, KNOTHOLE'S STILL STANDING, AND UNCLE CHUCK'S STILL AROUND. MAYBE THIS WHOLE "NEW REALITY" THING ISN'T SO BAD...
HA! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
NOTHIN', UNCLE CHUCK. JUST HAPPY TO SEE YOU SAFE AND SOUND.

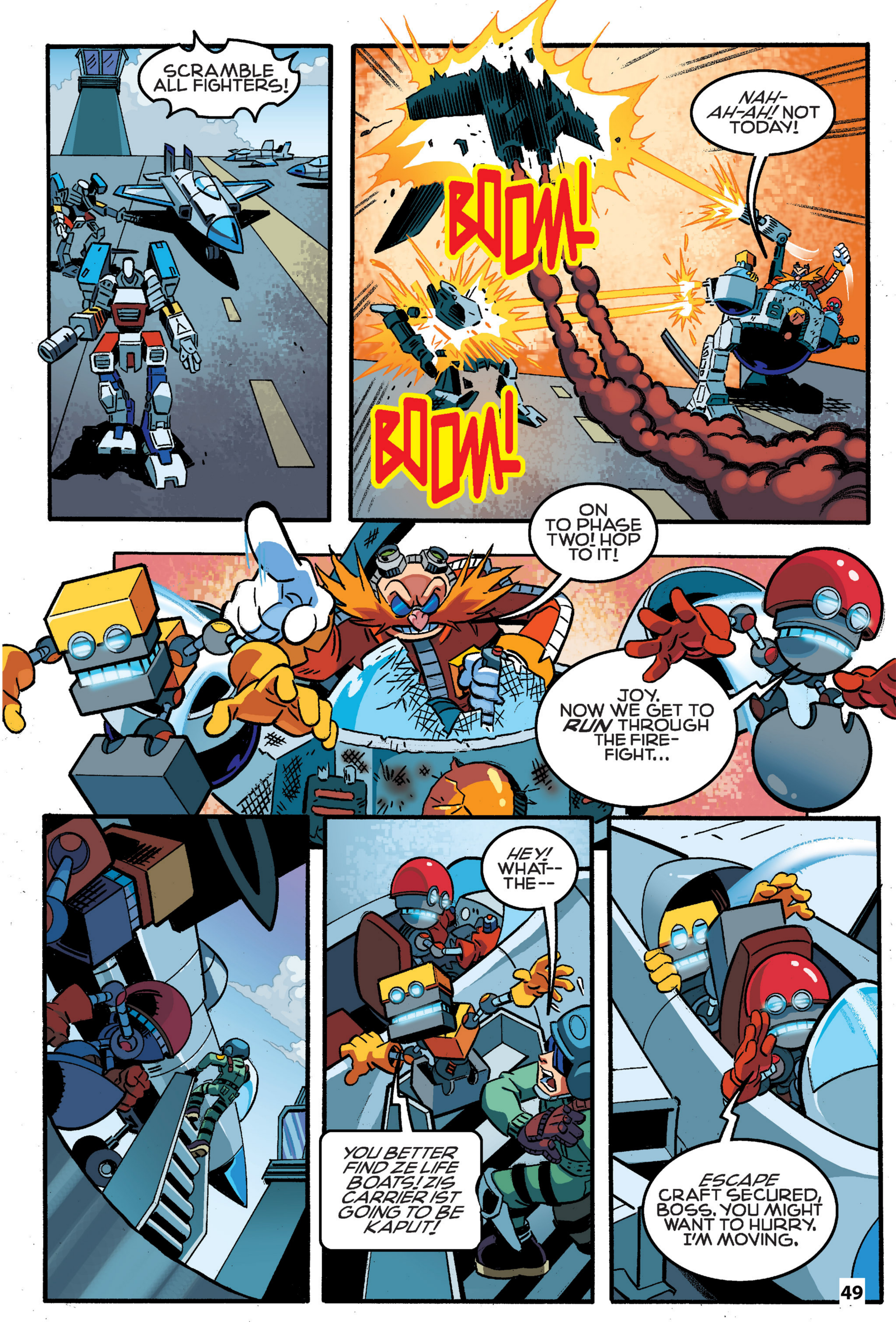

WELL, NONE OF US WILL BE IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THESE TREMORS.
TREMORS?
MM-HMM. UNUSUAL SEISMIC ACTIVITY FOR THIS AREA. I'LL BET YOU ANYTHING IT'S EGGMAN. I'M TAKING SOME SAMPLES OF THE STRANGE ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE EARTH. HOPEFULLY, IT'LL HELP ME FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT HE'S UP TO.
I'D LOVE TO HAVE NICOLE'S HELP IN ANALYZING THE SAMPLES IF SHE'S FREE.
SO SORRY *VVT!* *I'M* NEEDED ON ANOTHER *VVT!*
UH-OH. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, DEAR?
IT'S... COMPLICATED.
SHORT VERSION: WE NEED TO SEE ANTOINE. ROTOR SAID HE WAS WITH YOU.
SURE IS. HE'S BEEN ACTING AS MY BODYGUARD AS THE MUTT AND I DO OUR RESEARCH.
AH! BONJOUR, MES AMIS! I WAS NOT EXPECTING YOU HERE.
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE
THE SOLDIER
...I AM MISSING SOMETHING, PERHAPS?

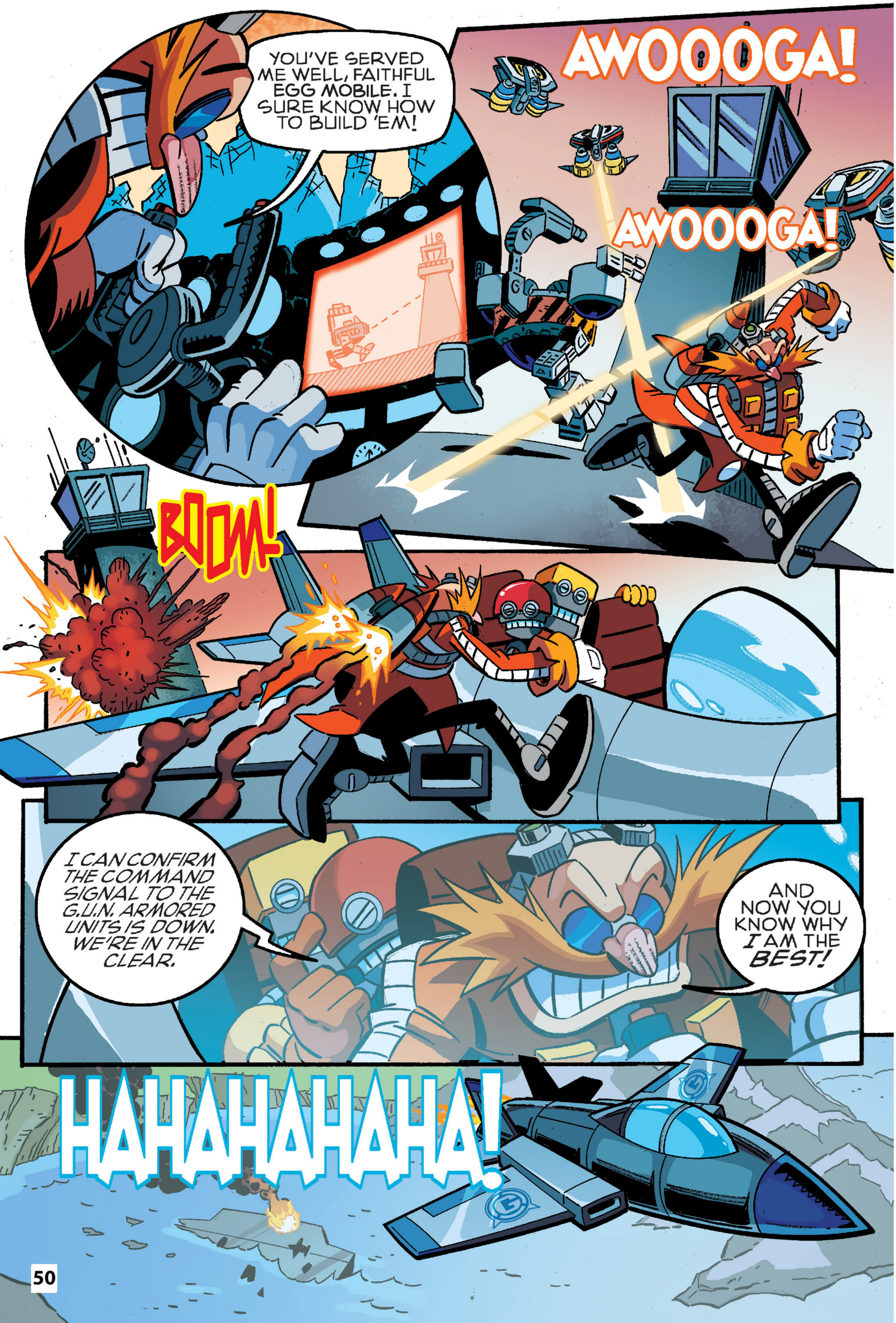

YOU FEELIN' *OKAY?*
YEAH! *SNIFF* JUST...JUST MISSED MY BUDDY HERE, S'ALL.
ERM ...I AM... TOUCHED?
OH, BOY! SONIC AND TAILS ARE HERE! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU GUYS AGAIN!
YEAH! UM...
HAHA! YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN "THE MUTT!"
WAIT. MUTTSKI?
THAT'S MY NAME! DON'T WEAR IT OUT!
BEN "MUTT" MUTTSKI CHUCK'S APPRENTICE
WHY ARE THEY ACTING SO-- HOW YOU SAY-- "FUNKY?"
I DUNNO. MAYBE THEY HAD A BAD BATCH OF CHILI DOGS ON THE FLIGHT OVER.

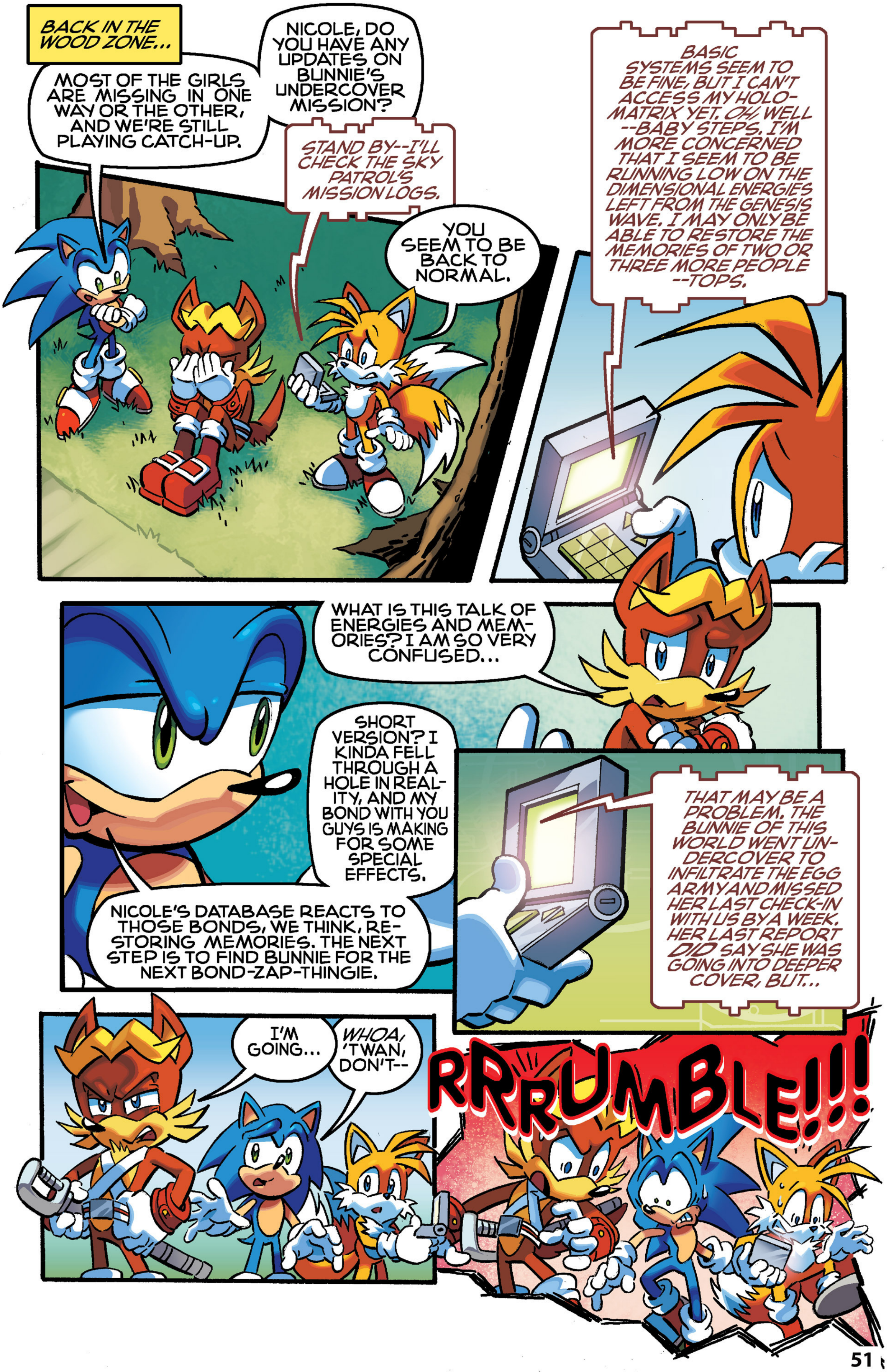

ALL RIGHT! SO--MUTT AND I HAVE WORK TO DO. DIDN'T YOU BOYS SAY YOU HAD BUSINESS WITH ANTOINE?
RIGHT!
IMPORTANT STUFF!
HEY! LET'S GET UNCLE CHUCK IN ON THIS, TOO!
NOT A GOOD IDEA... WE'RE STILL TESTING THE MEMORY RESTORATION ON OUR TEAMMATES, WHO WE'RE *PRETTY SURE* CAN BE RESTORED. CHUCK WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT HE WAS ALSO GONE FOR A LONG TIME AS A ROBOTICIZED SLAVE. RIGHT NOW, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TOO MANY VARIABLES--*OR* FOLKS WITH SCRAMBLED MEMORIES.
HMPH. ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S *FIRST* ON THE LIST AFTER WE'VE FOUND EVERYONE ELSE.
IF YOU ARE HERE WITH ZE NEW MISSION, I MUST BE DECLINING. DO NOT BE MISUNDERSTANDING, THIS BODY-GUARDING? *PEH! BORING!* NOT ZE SINGLE BADNIK ATTACK! BUT UNCLE CHUCK'S WORK IS IMPORTANT, AND ZO I MUST REMAIN AT HIS SIDE.
WE DON'T NEED YOU TO GO ANYWHERE. WE JUST NEED YOU TO...WELL...BRACE YOURSELF.
HOLD ON! MAYBE 'TWAN SHOULD SIT DOWN FIRST, OR...
WHAT IS ZE MATTER WITH ZE TWO OF YOU? YOU ARE ACTING AS IF I AM ZE GHOST, HERE TO BE HAUNTING YOU. IF YOU ARE NEEDING ME, SAY SO. IF I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING TO HELP, I WILL DO IT. STOP BEING THE NAMBY-PAMBIES.
ALL RIGHT, 'TWAN. THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO DO THIS, SO...
JUST...TAKE NICOLE.

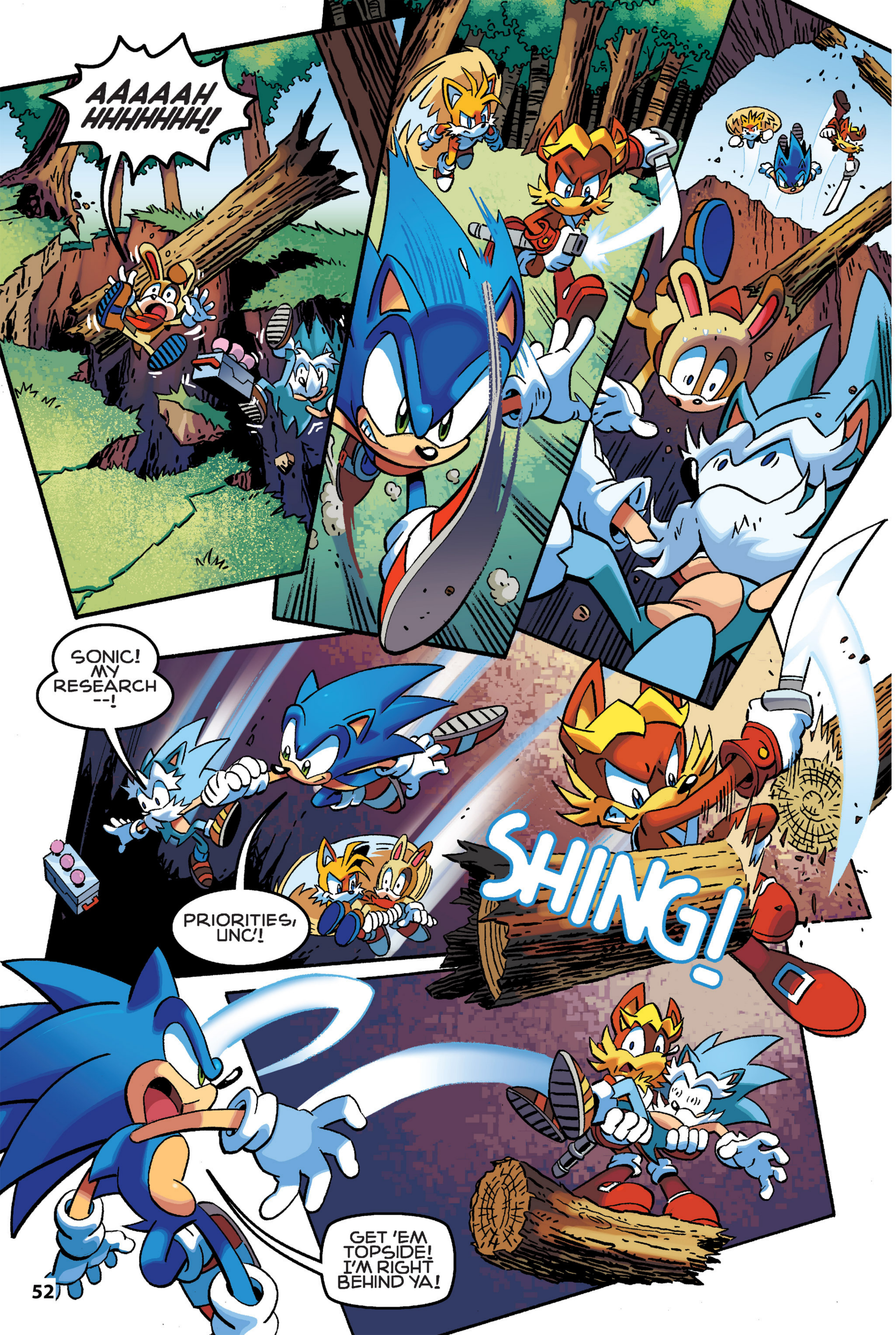

...MON DIEU...
EASY, BUDDY, I'VE GOTCHA.
(TOLDJA TO SIT DOWN FIRST.)
I WAS... I WAS...
HURT, THAT'S ALL. BAD? YEAH. IN A COMA? SURE. BUT YOU WERE ALIVE AND YOU WERE GONNA RECOVER.
SONIC GOT YOU TO THE HOSPITAL JUST IN TIME.
RIGHT! YOU'RE A FIGHTER! YOU HELD ON AND --!
UHT-TUT-TUT-TUT! PLEASE, MES AMIS...
MY THOUGHTS...THEY ARE JUMBLED. WHERE IS BUNNIE? HOW IS MY WIFE?

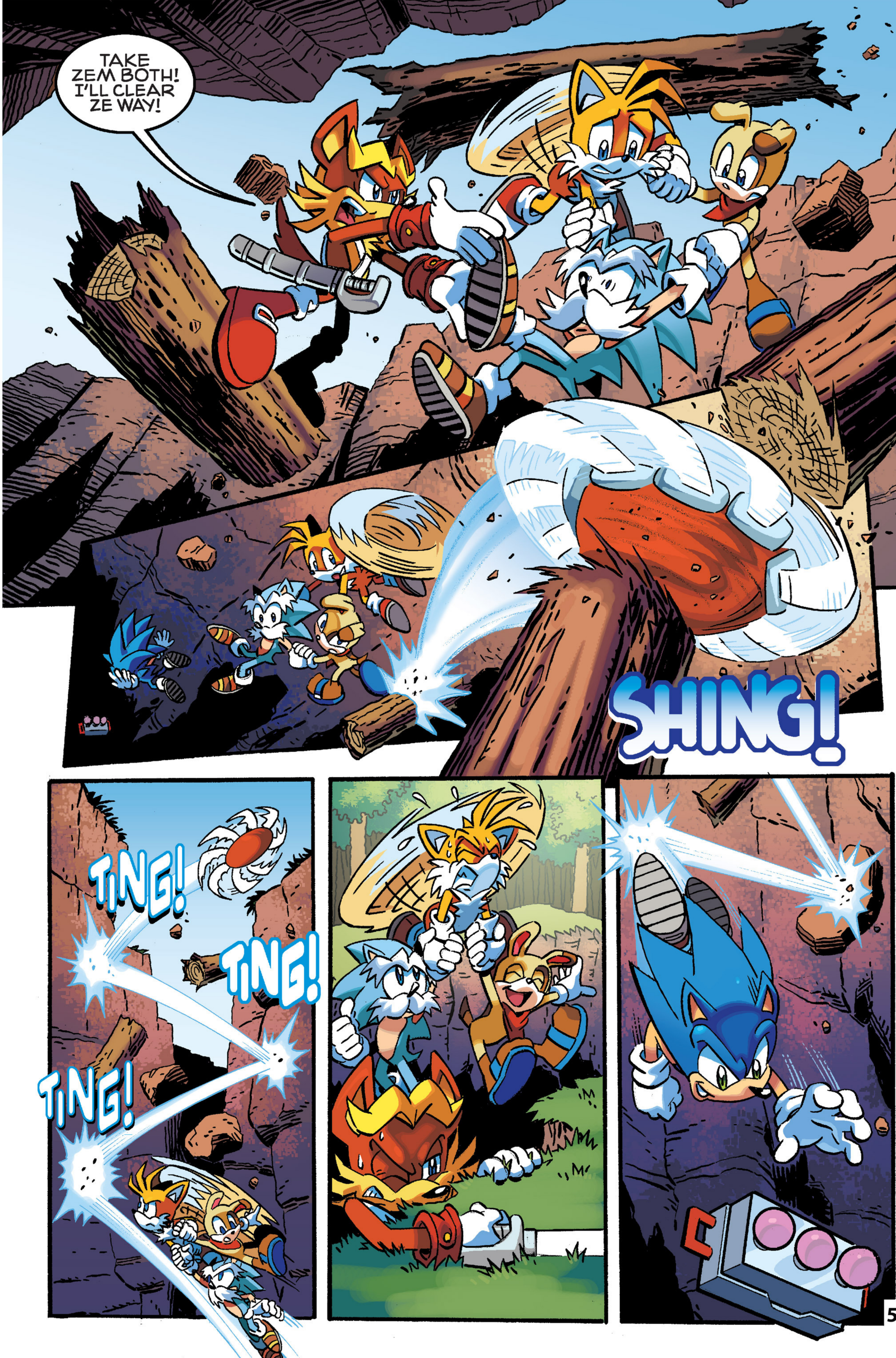

MEANWHILE...
DYO-HO-HO! THOSE G.U.N. FOOLS WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM!
I'M RIGHT HERE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE HITTING THEM WITH.
SHUT IT! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE DEATH EGG AS FAST AS POSSIBLE! IF THAT MEANS I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH G.U.N., SO BE IT!
JAWOHL, MEIN EMPEROR!
BOOM!
AWOOOGA!
AWOOOGA!
WAH-HA-HA-HA! COME AT ME, BOTS!
BLAM!
CLANG!


SCRAMBLE ALL FIGHTERS!
BOOM!
BOOM!
NAH-AH-AH! NOT TODAY!
ON TO PHASE TWO! HOP TO IT!
JOY. NOW WE GET TO RUN THROUGH THE FIRE-FIGHT...
HEY! WHAT-- THE--
YOU BETTER FIND ZE LIFE BOATS! ZIS CARRIER IST GOING TO BE KAPUT!
ESCAPE CRAFT SECURED, BOSS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO HURRY. I'M MOVING.


YOU'VE SERVED ME WELL, FAITHFUL EGG MOBILE. I SURE KNOW HOW TO BUILD 'EM!
AWOOOGA!
AWOOOGA!
BOOM!
I CAN CONFIRM THE COMMAND SIGNAL TO THE G.U.N. ARMORED UNITS IS DOWN. WE'RE IN THE CLEAR.
AND NOW YOU KNOW WHY *I* AM THE *BEST!*
HAHAHAHAHA!


BACK IN THE WOOD ZONE...
NICOLE, DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES ON BUNNIE'S UNDERCOVER MISSION?
MOST OF THE GIRLS ARE MISSING IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, AND WE'RE STILL PLAYING CATCH-UP.
STAND BY--I'LL CHECK THE SKY PATROL'S MISSION LOGS.
YOU SEEM TO BE BACK TO NORMAL.
BASIC SYSTEMS SEEM TO BE FINE, BUT I CAN'T ACCESS MY HOLO-MATRIX YET. OH, WELL --BABY STEPS. I'M MORE CONCERNED THAT I SEEM TO BE RUNNING LOW ON THE DIMENSIONAL ENERGIES LEFT FROM THE GENESIS WAVE. I MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO RESTORE THE MEMORIES OF TWO OR THREE MORE PEOPLE --TOPS.
WHAT IS THIS TALK OF ENERGIES AND MEMORIES? I AM SO VERY CONFUSED...
SHORT VERSION? I KINDA FELL THROUGH A HOLE IN REALITY, AND MY BOND WITH YOU GUYS IS MAKING FOR SOME SPECIAL EFFECTS.
NICOLE'S DATABASE REACTS TO THOSE BONDS, WE THINK, RESTORING MEMORIES. THE NEXT STEP IS TO FIND BUNNIE FOR THE NEXT BOND-ZAP-THINGIE.
THAT MAY BE A PROBLEM. THE BUNNIE OF THIS WORLD WENT UNDERCOVER TO INFILTRATE THE EGG ARMY AND MISSED HER LAST CHECK-IN WITH US BY A WEEK. HER LAST REPORT DID SAY SHE WAS GOING INTO DEEPER COVER, BUT...
I'M GOING...
WHOA, 'TWAN, DON'T--
RRRUMBLE!!!


AAAAAH HHHHHHH!
SONIC! MY RESEARCH --!
PRIORITIES, UNC'!
SHING!
GET 'EM TOPSIDE! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YA!


TAKE ZEM BOTH! I'LL CLEAR ZE WAY!
SHING!
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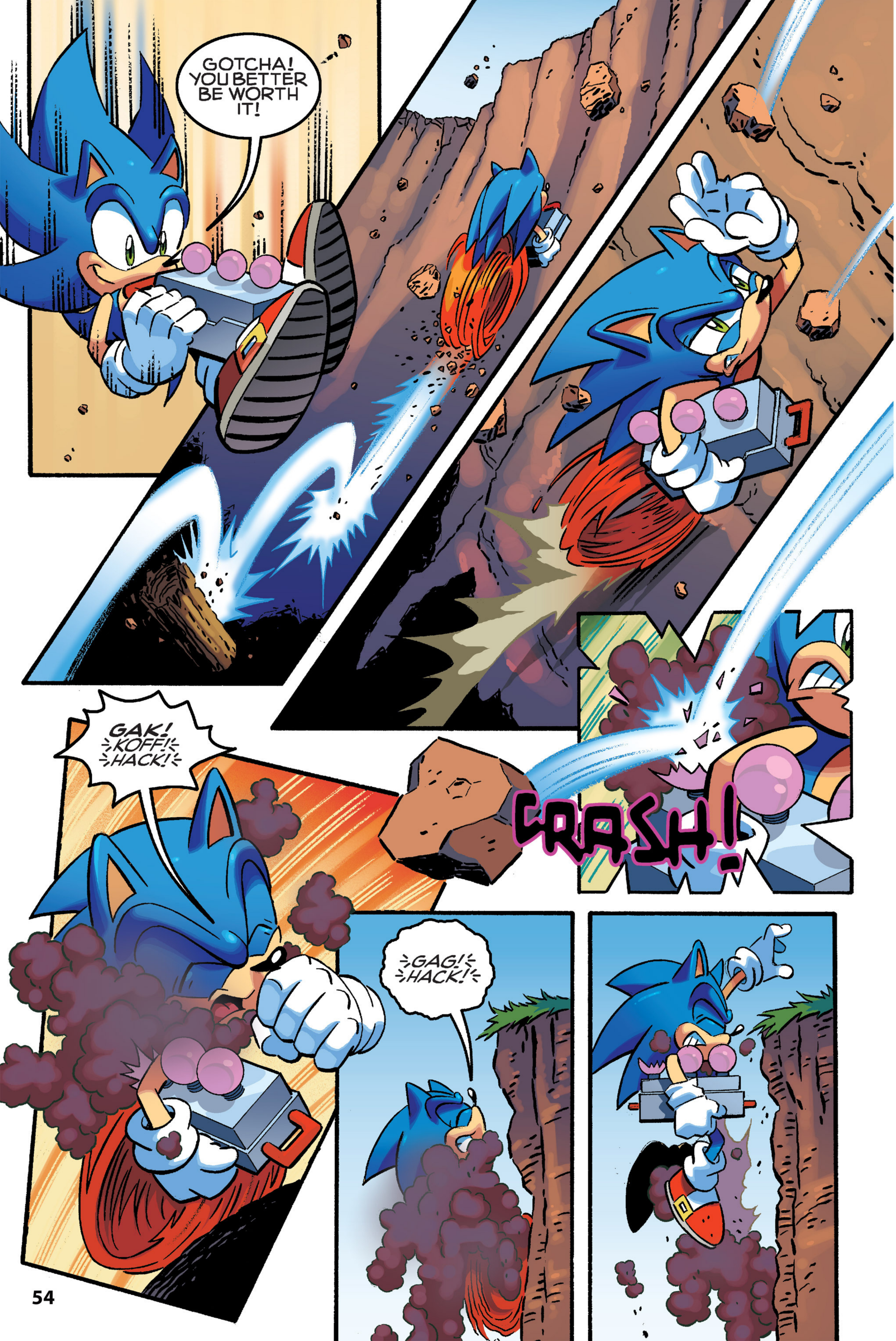
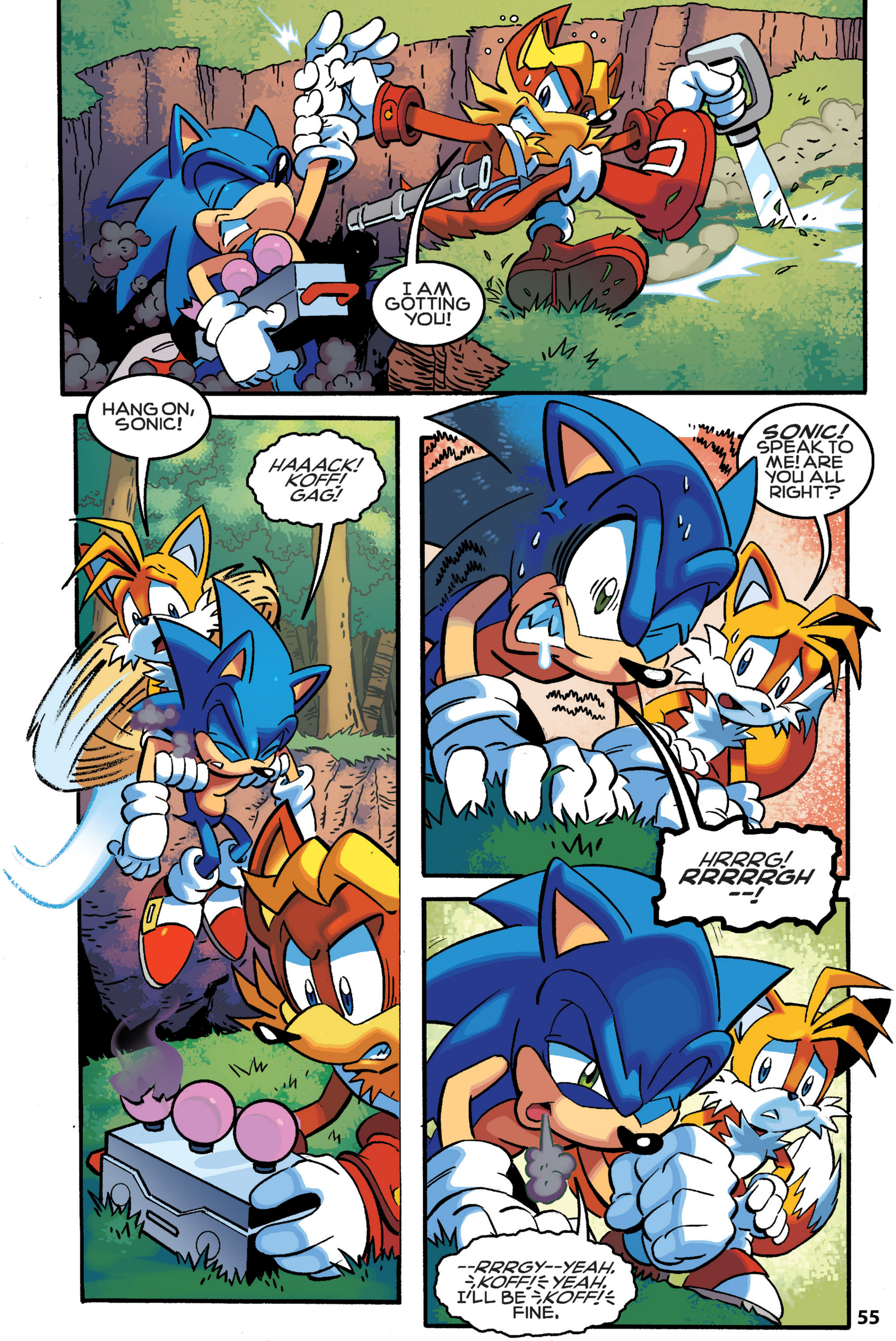
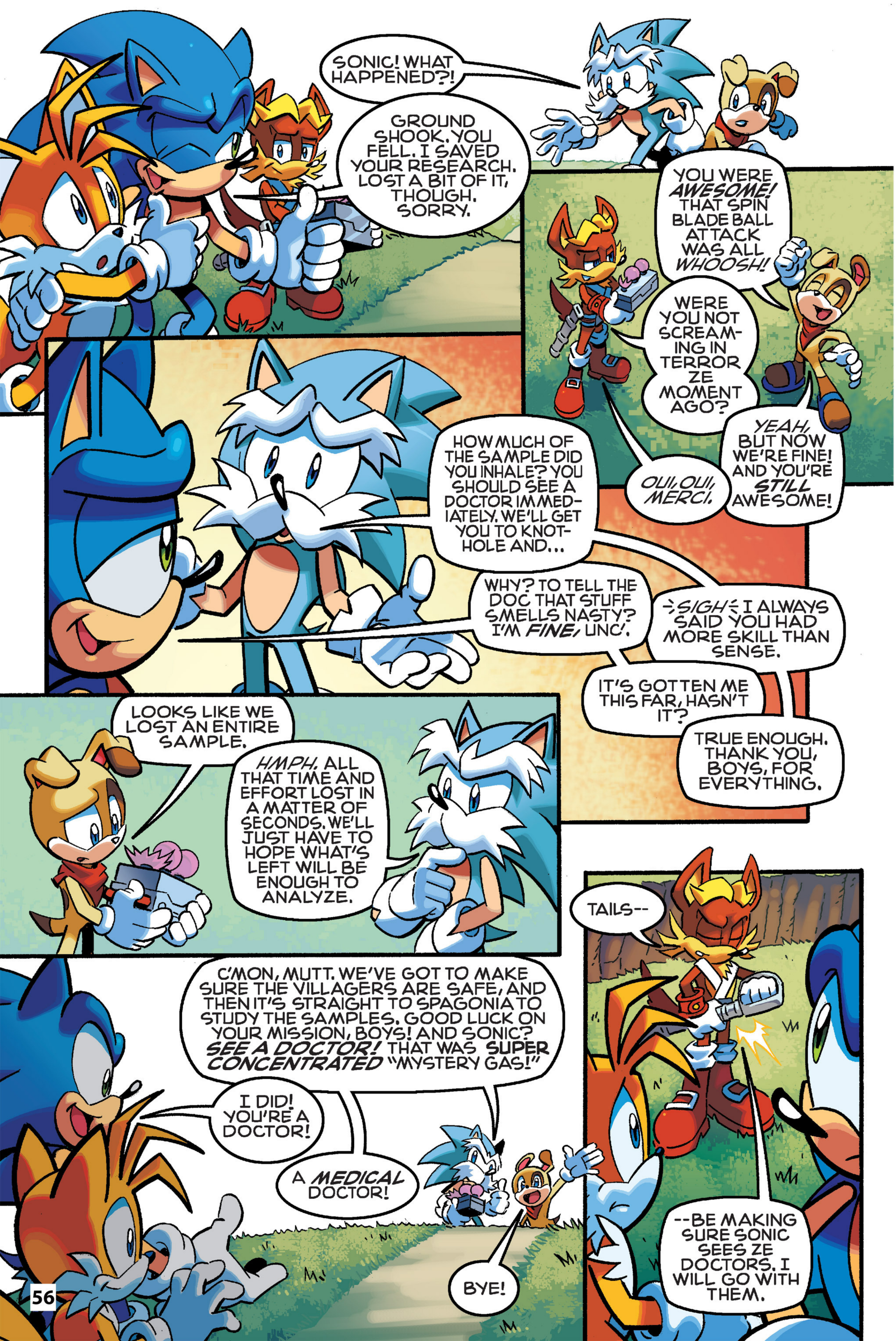
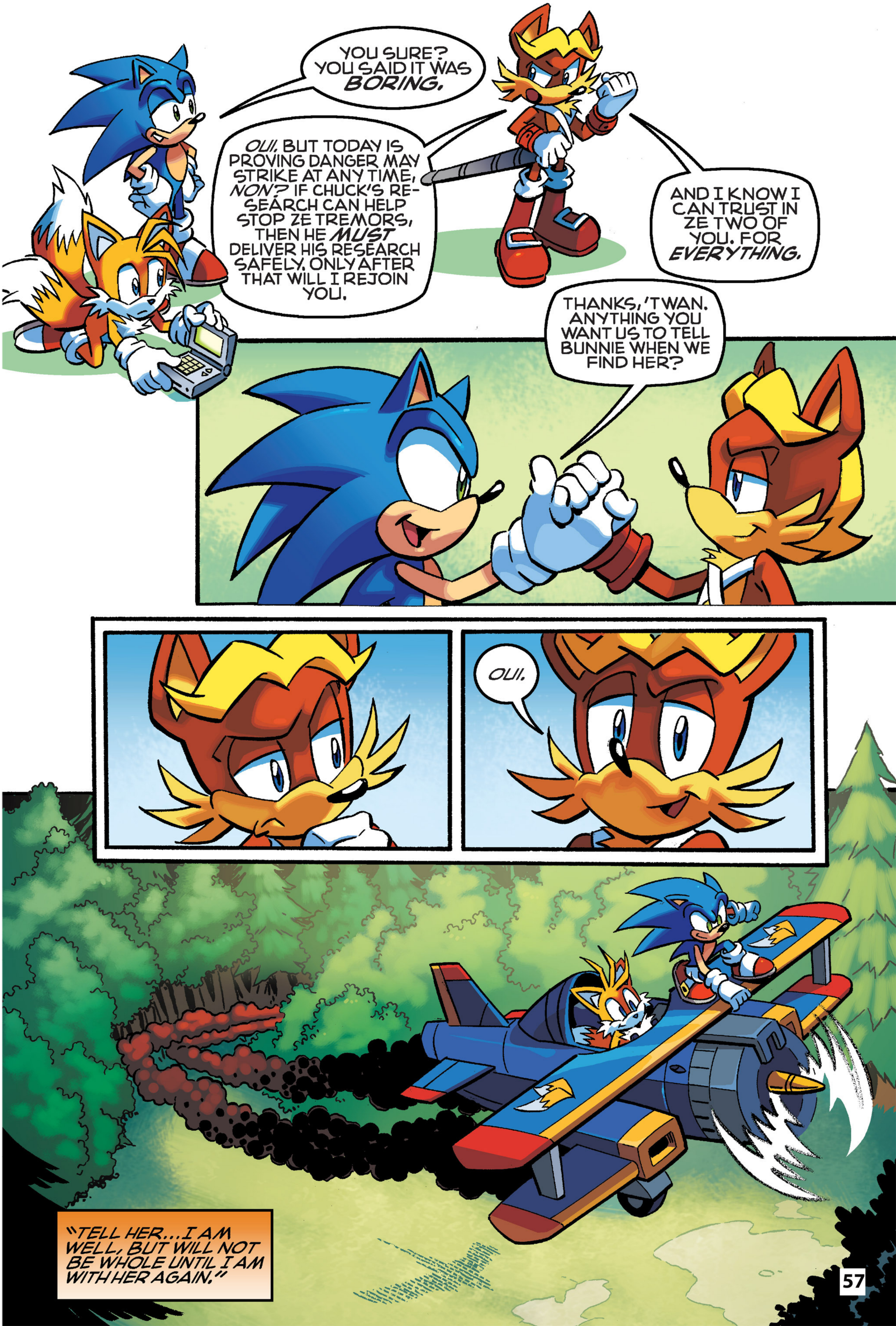
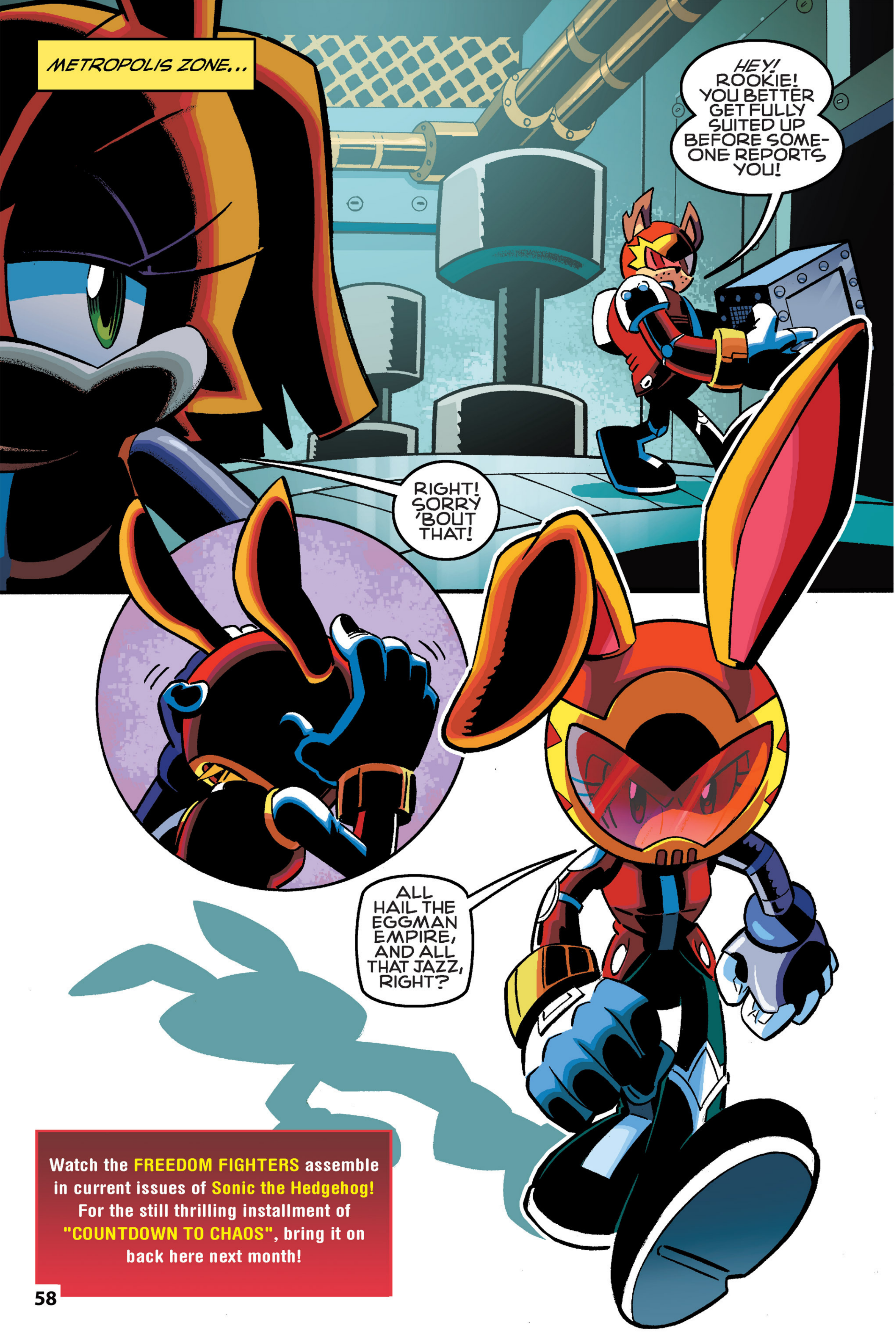

GOTCHA! YOU BETTER BE WORTH IT!
CRASH!
GAK! KOFF! HACK!
GAG! HACK!


I AM GOTTING YOU!
HANG ON, SONIC!
HAAACK! KOFF! GAG!
SONIC! SPEAK TO ME! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HRRRG! RRRRRGH --!
--RRRGY--YEAH. ;KOFF!; YEAH. I'LL BE ;KOFF!; FINE.


SONIC! WHAT HAPPENED?!
GROUND SHOOK. YOU FELL. I SAVED YOUR RESEARCH. LOST A BIT OF IT, THOUGH. SORRY.
YOU WERE *AWESOME!* THAT SPIN BLADE BALL ATTACK WAS ALL *WHOOSH!*
WERE YOU NOT SCREAMING IN TERROR ZE MOMENT AGO?
YEAH, BUT NOW WE'RE FINE! AND YOU'RE *STILL* AWESOME!
OUI, OUI, MERCI.
HOW MUCH OF THE SAMPLE DID YOU INHALE? YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY. WE'LL GET YOU TO KNOTHOLE AND...
WHY? TO TELL THE DOC THAT STUFF SMELLS NASTY? I'M *FINE,* UNC'.
SIGH I ALWAYS SAID YOU HAD MORE SKILL THAN SENSE.
IT'S GOTTEN ME THIS FAR, HASN'T IT?
TRUE ENOUGH. THANK YOU, BOYS, FOR EVERYTHING.
LOOKS LIKE WE LOST AN ENTIRE SAMPLE.
HMPH. ALL THAT TIME AND EFFORT LOST IN A MATTER OF SECONDS. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE WHAT'S LEFT WILL BE ENOUGH TO ANALYZE.
C'MON, MUTT. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THE VILLAGERS ARE SAFE, AND THEN IT'S STRAIGHT TO SPAGONIA TO STUDY THE SAMPLES. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR MISSION, BOYS! AND SONIC? ***SEE A DOCTOR!*** THAT WAS **SUPER *CONCENTRATED*** "MYSTERY GAS!"
I DID! YOU'RE A DOCTOR!
A ***MEDICAL*** DOCTOR!
BYE!
TAILS--
--BE MAKING SURE SONIC SEES ZE DOCTORS. I WILL GO WITH THEM.


YOU SURE? YOU SAID IT WAS *BORING.*
OUI, BUT TODAY IS PROVING DANGER MAY STRIKE AT ANY TIME, *NON?* IF CHUCK'S RESEARCH CAN HELP STOP ZE TREMORS, THEN HE *MUST* DELIVER HIS RESEARCH SAFELY. ONLY AFTER THAT WILL I REJOIN YOU.
AND I KNOW I CAN TRUST IN ZE TWO OF YOU. FOR *EVERYTHING.*
THANKS, 'TWAN. ANYTHING YOU WANT US TO TELL BUNNIE WHEN WE FIND HER?
OUI.
"TELL HER... I AM WELL, BUT WILL NOT BE WHOLE UNTIL I AM WITH HER AGAIN."


METROPOLIS ZONE...
HEY! ROOKIE! YOU BETTER GET FULLY SUITED UP BEFORE SOMEONE REPORTS YOU!
RIGHT! SORRY 'BOUT THAT!
ALL HAIL THE EGGMAN EMPIRE, AND ALL THAT JAZZ, RIGHT?

Watch the **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** assemble in current issues of **Sonic the Hedgehog**! For the still thrilling installment of **"COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS"**, bring it on back here next month!

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SONIC SUPER SPECIAL GRAPHIC NOVEL PREVIEW:

THE SILVER SAGA

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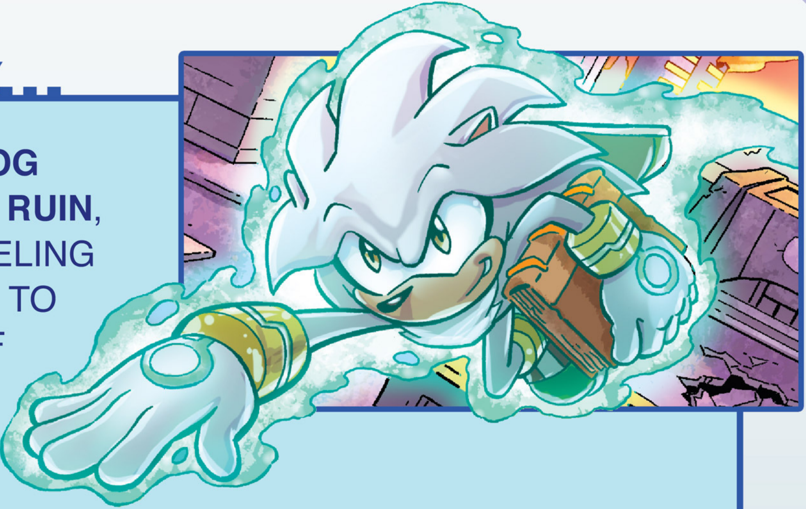
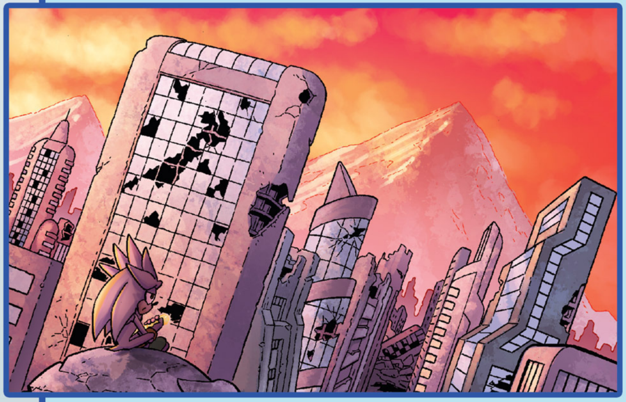


SILVER THE HEDGEHOG LIVES IN A **WORLD OF RUIN**, AND HE'S BEEN TRAVELING TO THE **PAST**, TRYING TO CHANGE THE **FATE** OF HIS TIME.

UNFORTUNATELY, SILVER HASN'T MADE VERY MUCH PROGRESS IN HIS **QUEST**. EACH TRIP TO THE PAST ALTERS HIS **FUTURE** EVER SO SLIGHTLY, BUT THE RUINS REMAIN. STILL, HE HOLDS HOPE THAT ONE DAY, HE WILL **SAVE HIS WORLD.**



SILVER'S QUEST IS NOW ABOUT TO TAKE A MUCH **DARKER** TURN THAN HE EVER ANTICIPATED, FOR HIS WORLD IS NOT THE ONLY ONE IN **DANGER...**

DID YOU KNOW...

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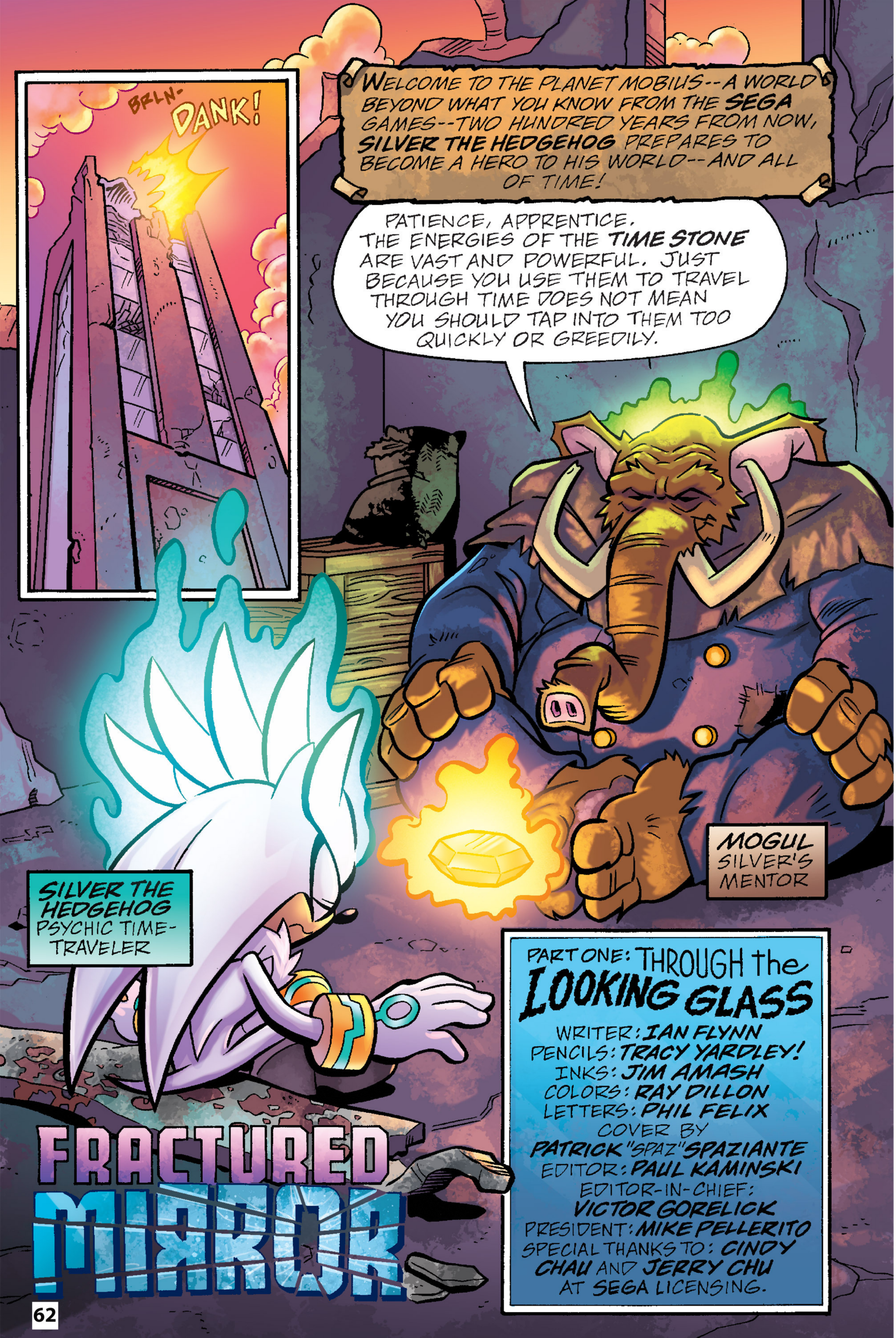
BRLN-DANK!
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE **SEGA** GAMES--TWO HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW, **SILVER THE HEDGEHOG** PREPARES TO BECOME A HERO TO HIS WORLD--AND ALL OF TIME!
PATIENCE, APPRENTICE. THE ENERGIES OF THE ***TIME STONE*** ARE VAST AND POWERFUL. JUST BECAUSE YOU USE THEM TO TRAVEL THROUGH TIME DOES NOT MEAN YOU SHOULD TAP INTO THEM TOO QUICKLY OR GREEDILY.
MOGUL SILVER'S MENTOR
SILVER THE HEDGEHOG PSYCHIC TIME-TRAVELER

FRACTURED MIRROR

PART ONE: THROUGH the LOOKING GLASS

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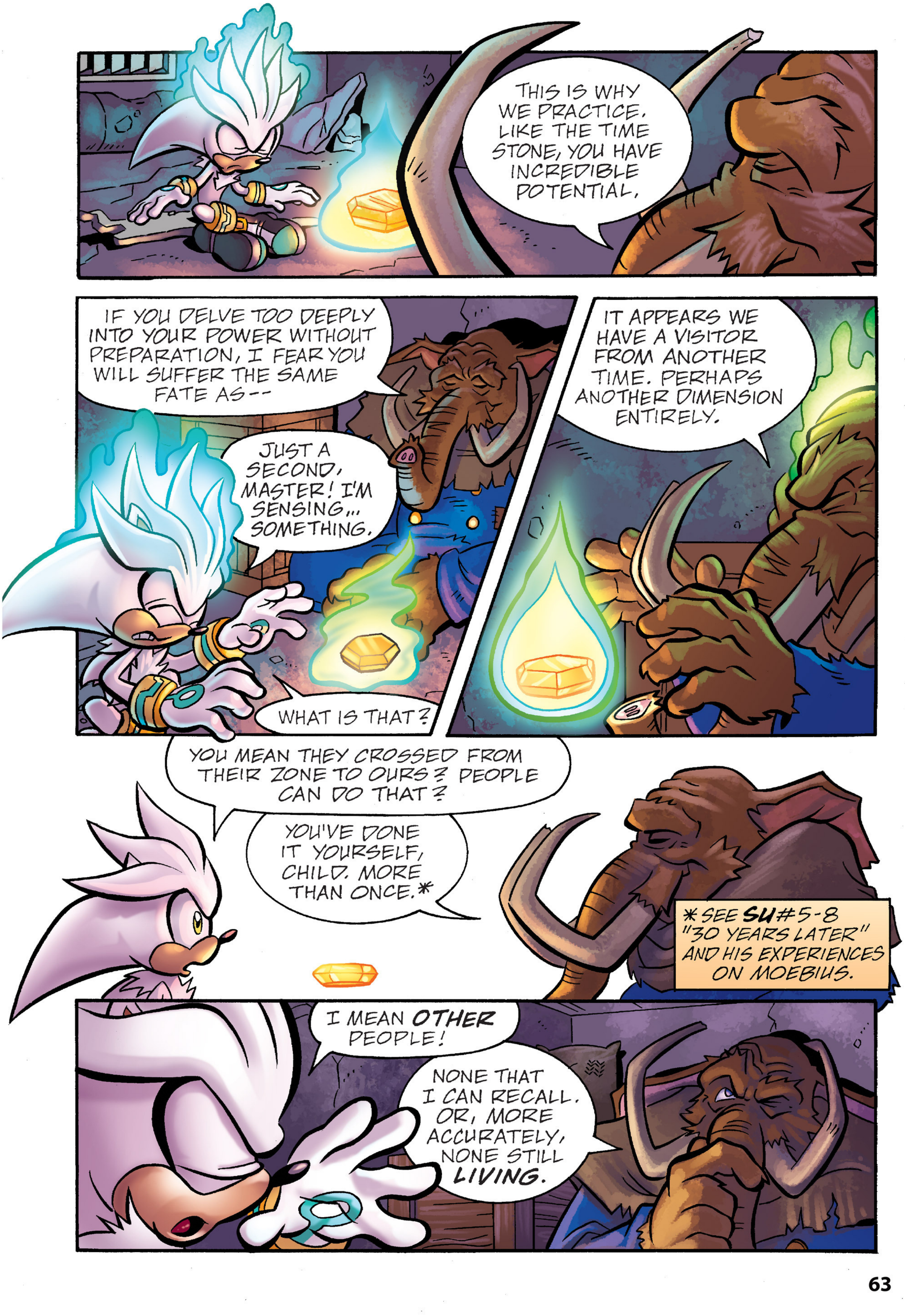
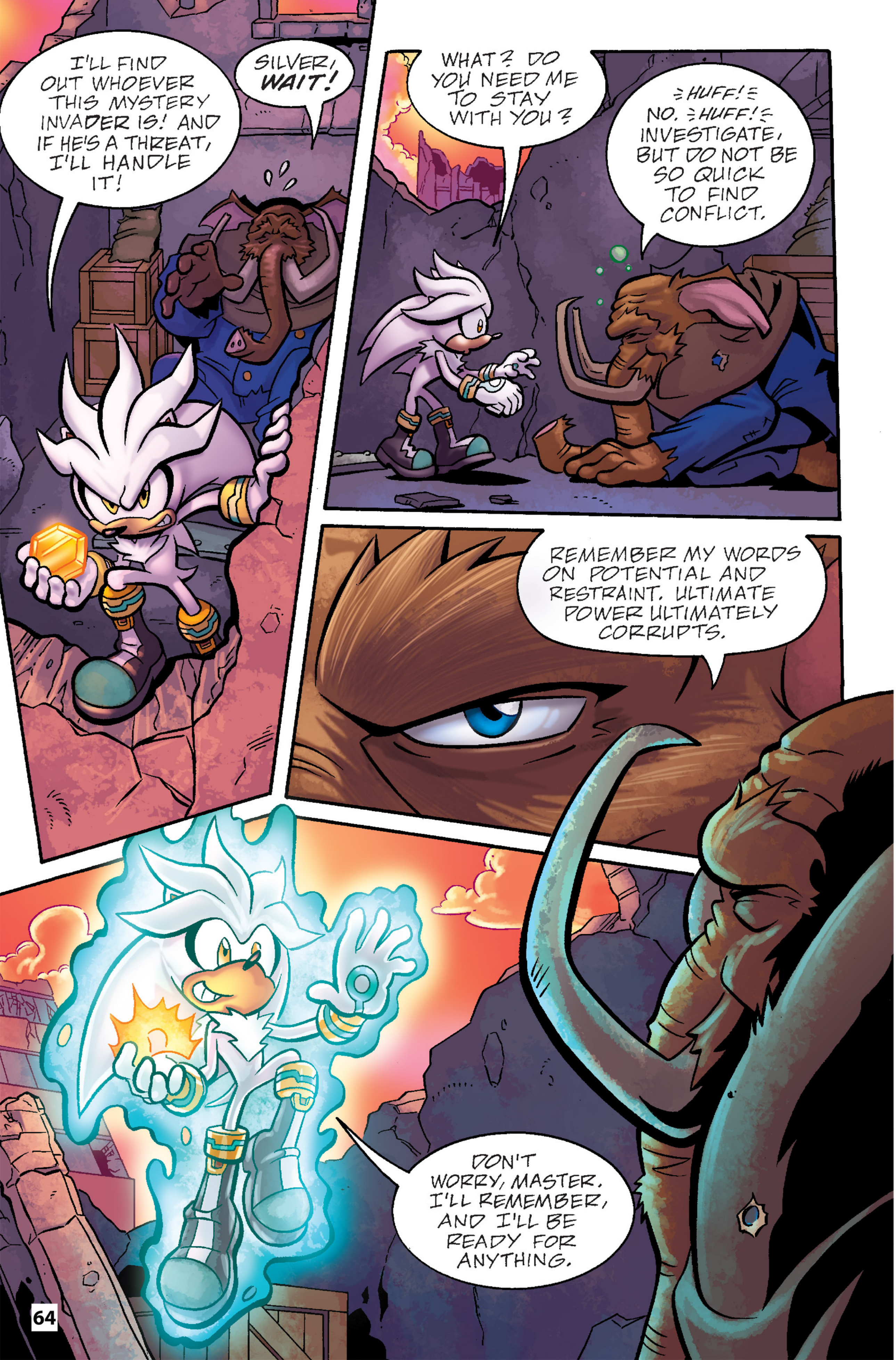
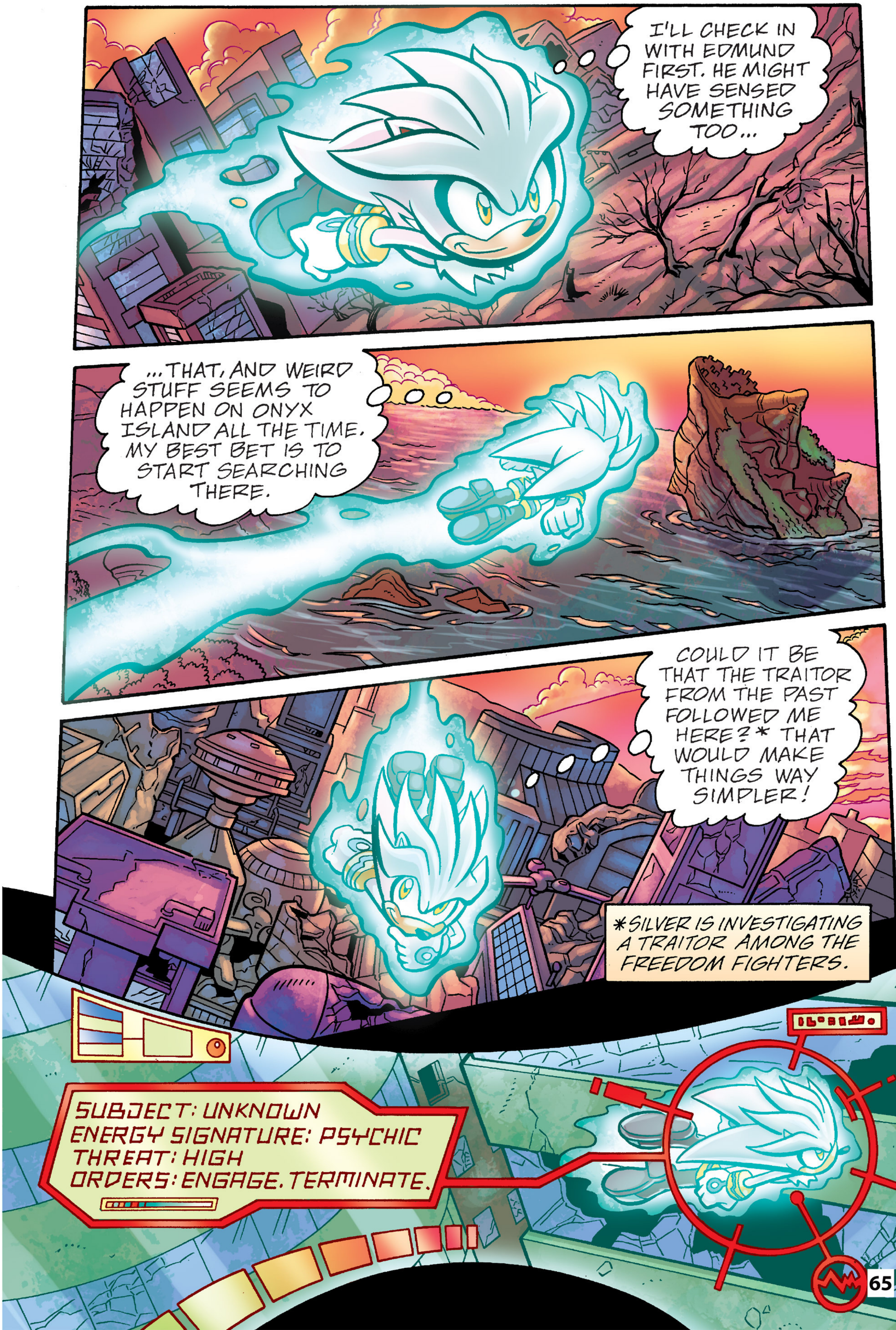
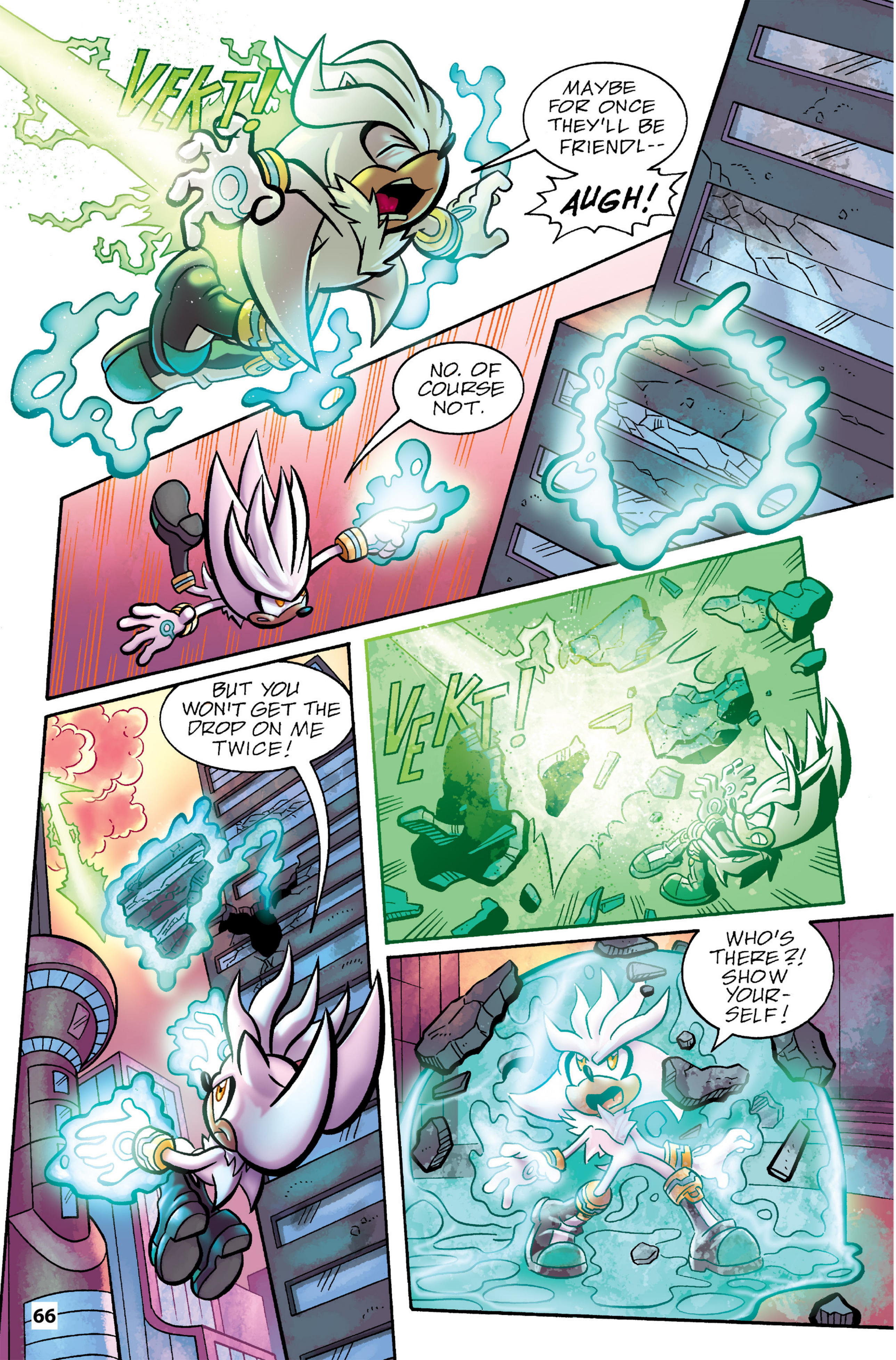
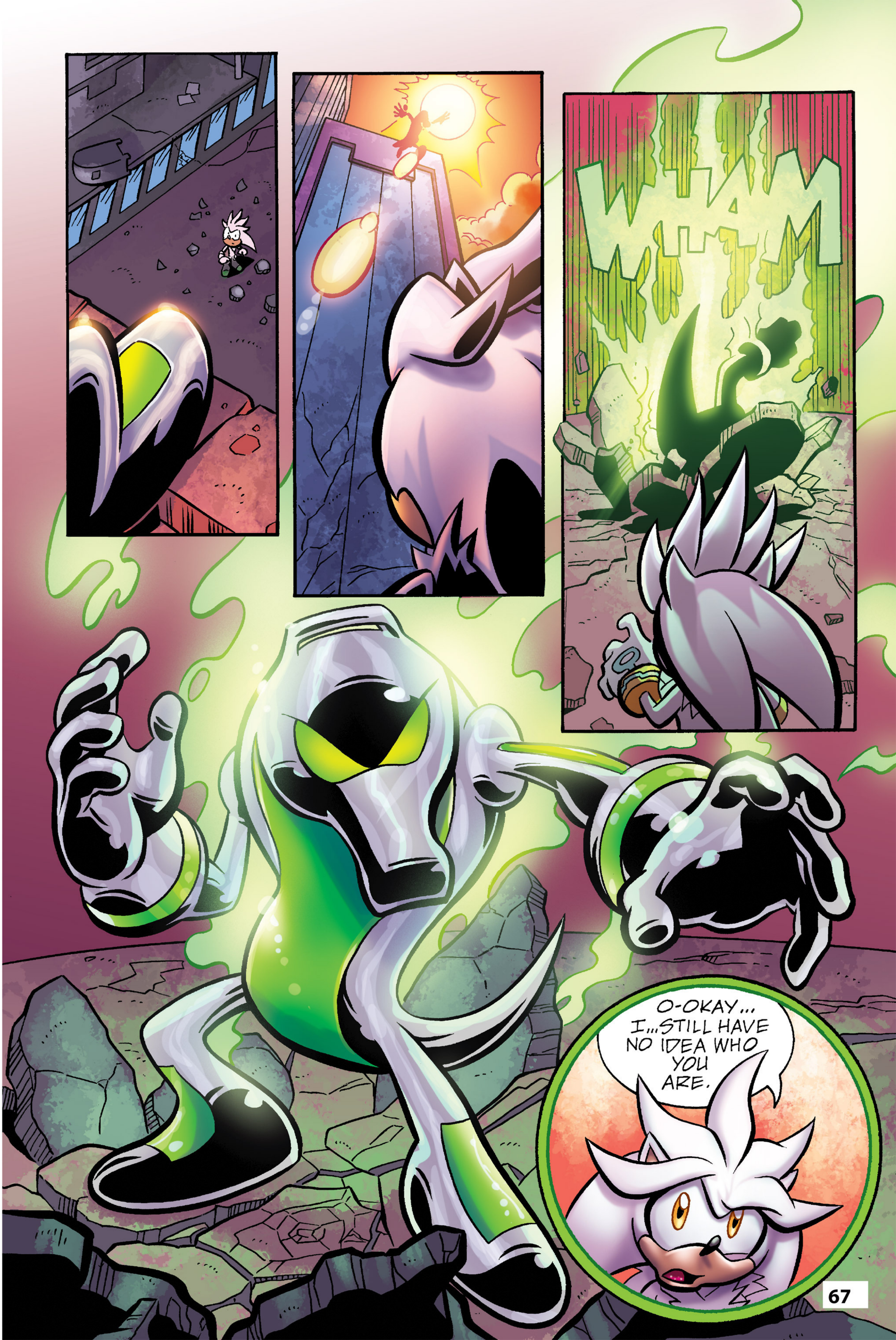
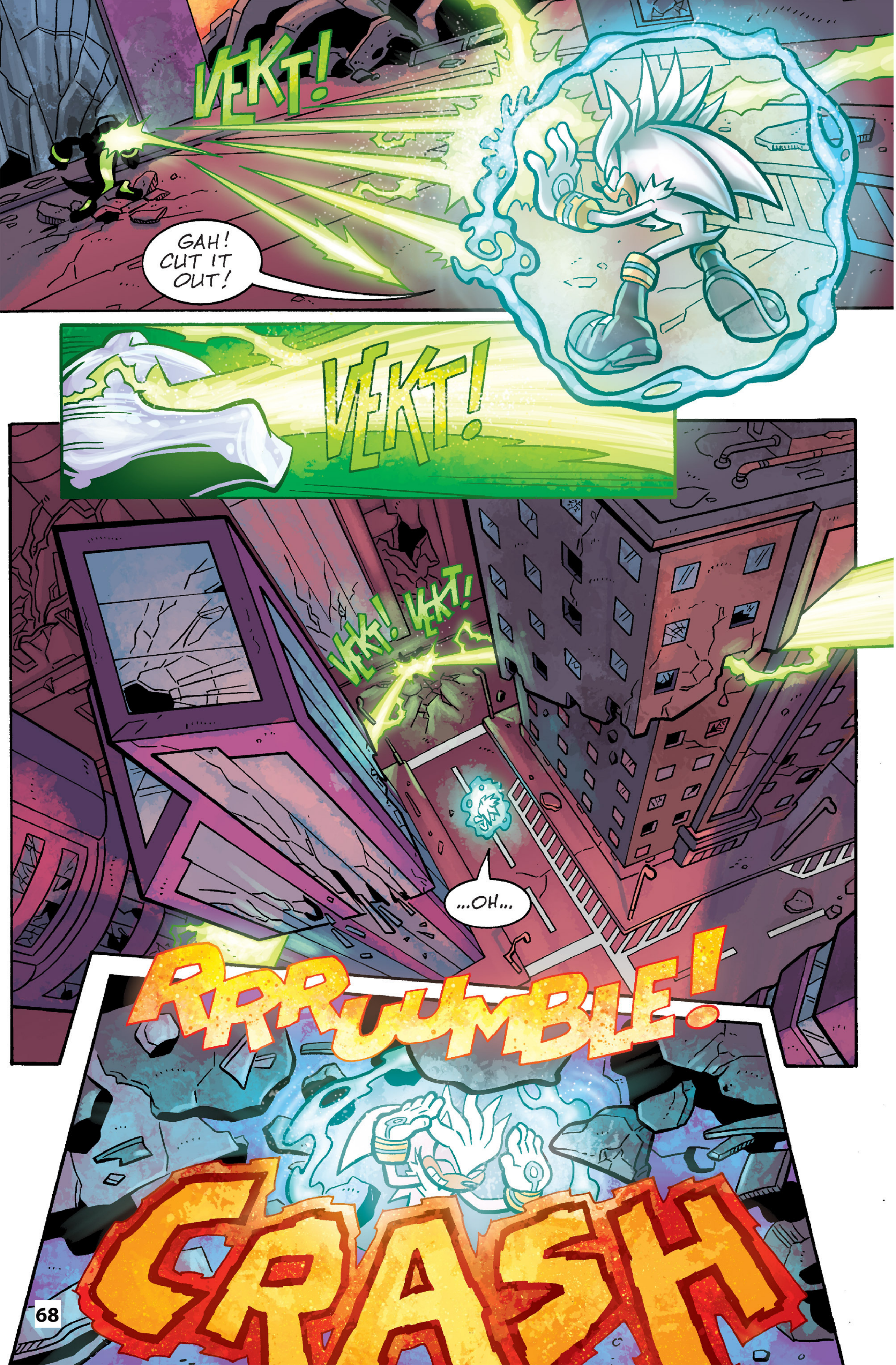

THIS IS WHY WE PRACTICE. LIKE THE TIME STONE, YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL.
IF YOU DELVE TOO DEEPLY INTO YOUR POWER WITHOUT PREPARATION, I FEAR YOU WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS--
JUST A SECOND, MASTER! I'M SENSING... SOMETHING.
WHAT IS THAT?
IT APPEARS WE HAVE A VISITOR FROM ANOTHER TIME. PERHAPS ANOTHER DIMENSION ENTIRELY.
YOU MEAN THEY CROSSED FROM THEIR ZONE TO OURS? PEOPLE CAN DO THAT?
YOU'VE DONE IT YOURSELF, CHILD. MORE THAN ONCE.*
*SEE **SU**#5-8 "30 YEARS LATER" AND HIS EXPERIENCES ON MOEBIUS.
I MEAN ***OTHER*** PEOPLE!
NONE THAT I CAN RECALL. OR, MORE ACCURATELY, NONE STILL ***LIVING***.

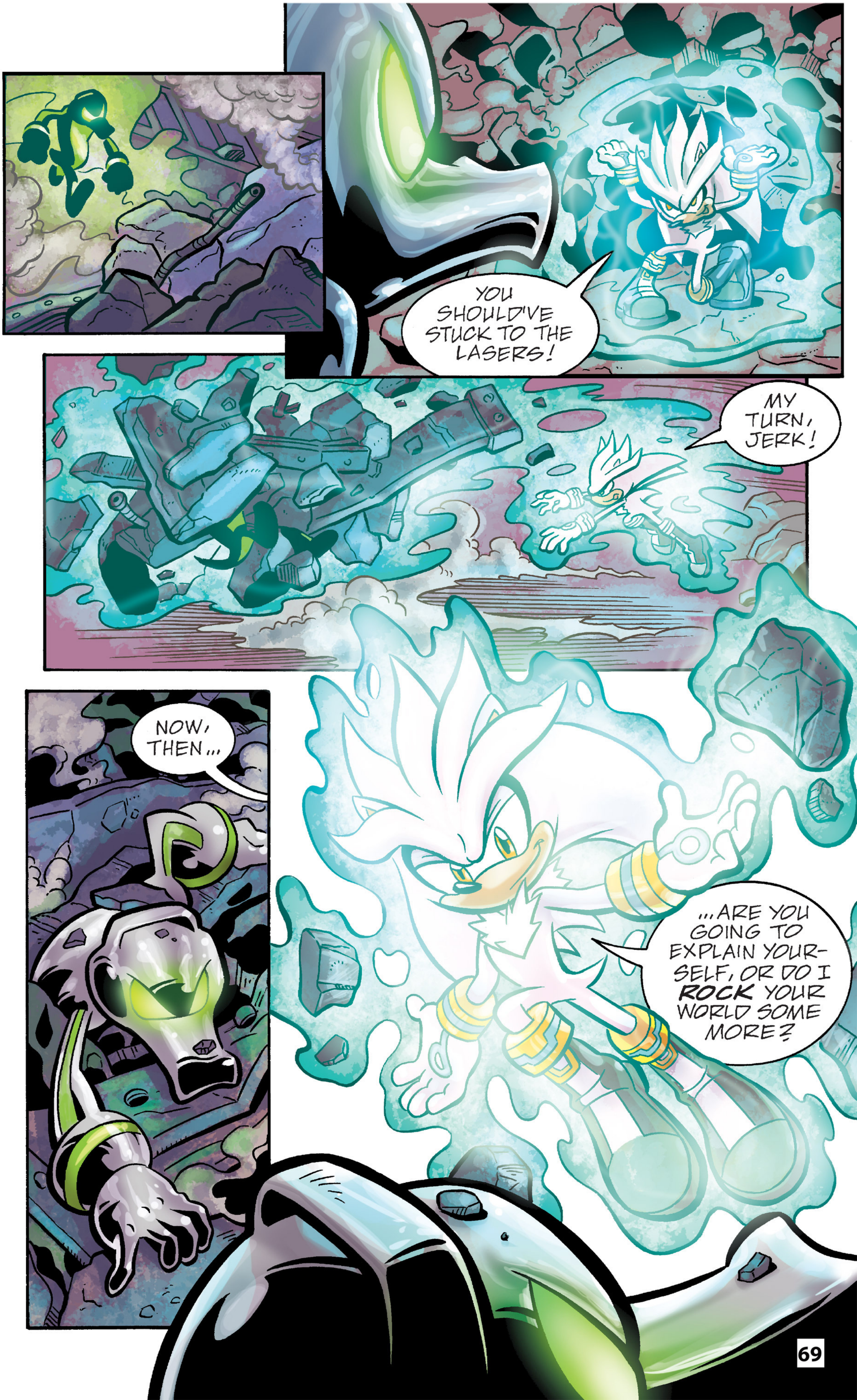

I'LL FIND OUT WHOEVER THIS MYSTERY INVADER IS! AND IF HE'S A THREAT, I'LL HANDLE IT!
SILVER, **WAIT!**
WHAT? DO YOU NEED ME TO STAY WITH YOU?
HUFF! NO. *HUFF!* INVESTIGATE, BUT DO NOT BE SO QUICK TO FIND CONFLICT.
REMEMBER MY WORDS ON POTENTIAL AND RESTRAINT. ULTIMATE POWER ULTIMATELY CORRUPTS.
DON'T WORRY, MASTER. I'LL REMEMBER, AND I'LL BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

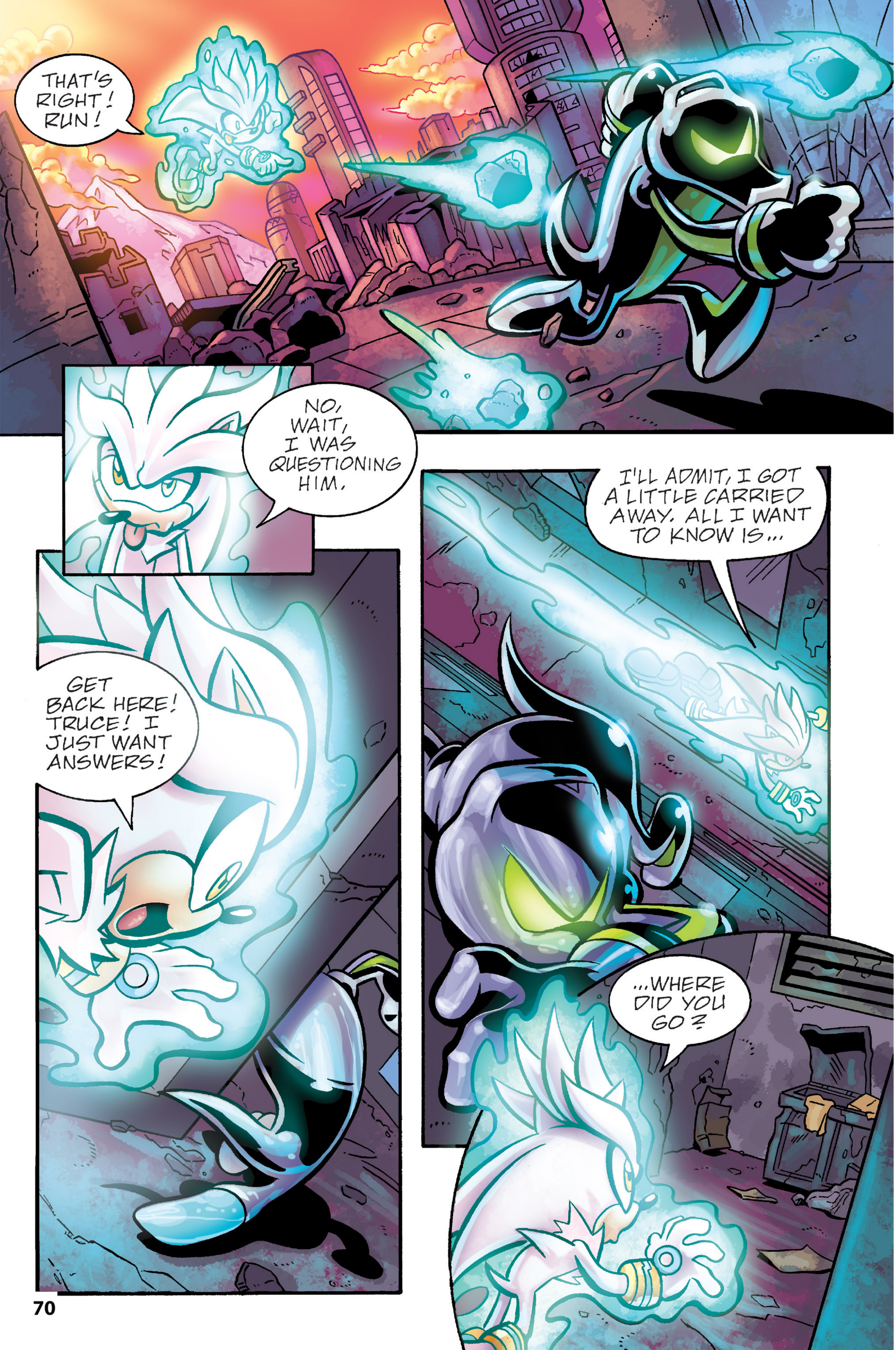

I'LL CHECK IN WITH EDMUND FIRST. HE MIGHT HAVE SENSED SOMETHING TOO...
...THAT, AND WEIRD STUFF SEEMS TO HAPPEN ON ONYX ISLAND ALL THE TIME. MY BEST BET IS TO START SEARCHING THERE.
COULD IT BE THAT THE TRAITOR FROM THE PAST FOLLOWED ME HERE?* THAT WOULD MAKE THINGS WAY SIMPLER!
*SILVER IS INVESTIGATING A TRAITOR AMONG THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN
ENERGY SIGNATURE: PSYCHIC
THREAT: HIGH
ORDERS: ENGAGE. TERMINATE.

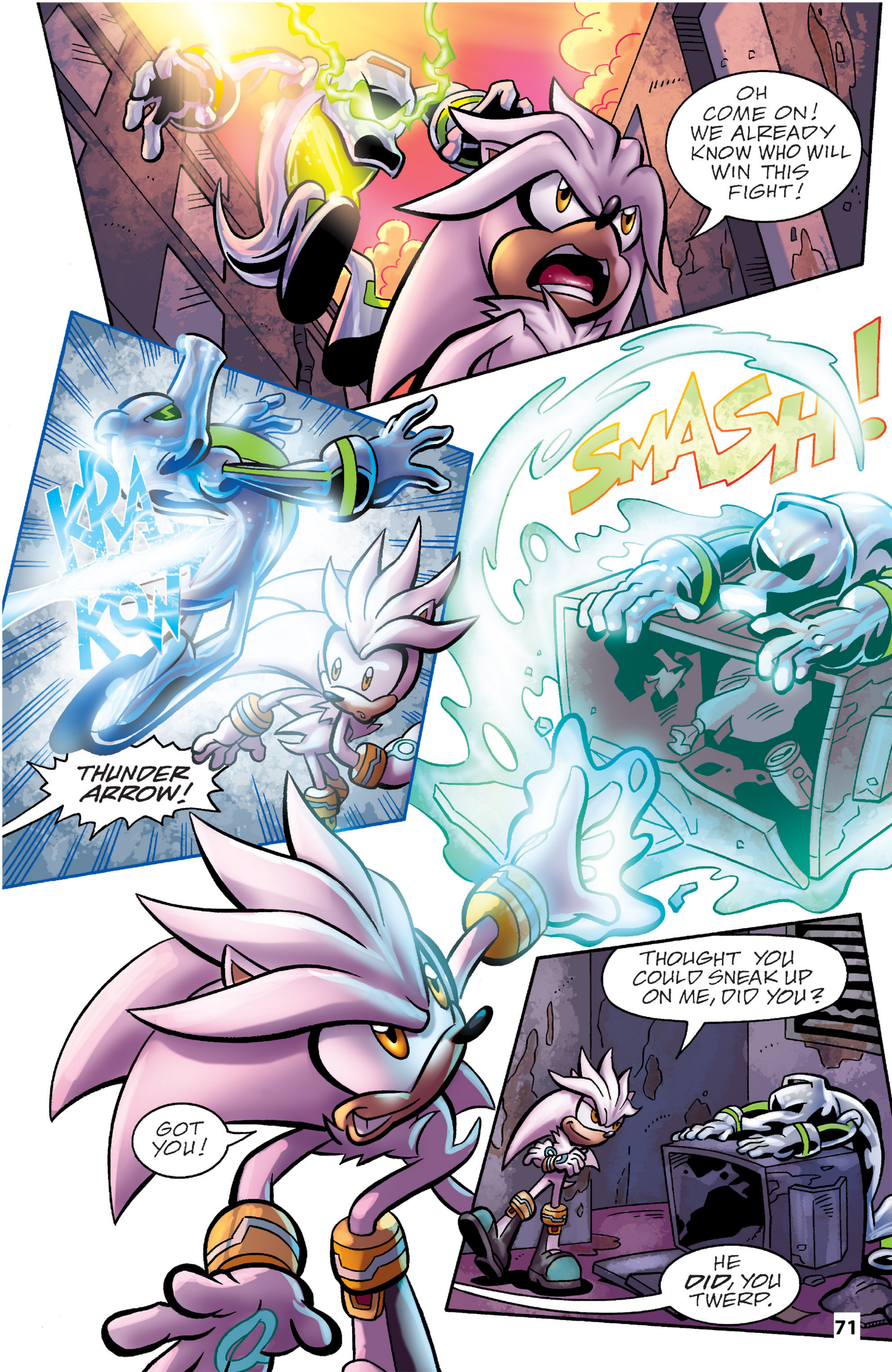

VEKT!
MAYBE FOR ONCE THEY'LL BE FRIENDL--
AUGH!
NO. OF COURSE NOT.
BUT YOU WON'T GET THE DROP ON ME TWICE!
VEKT!
WHO'S THERE?! SHOW YOURSELF!

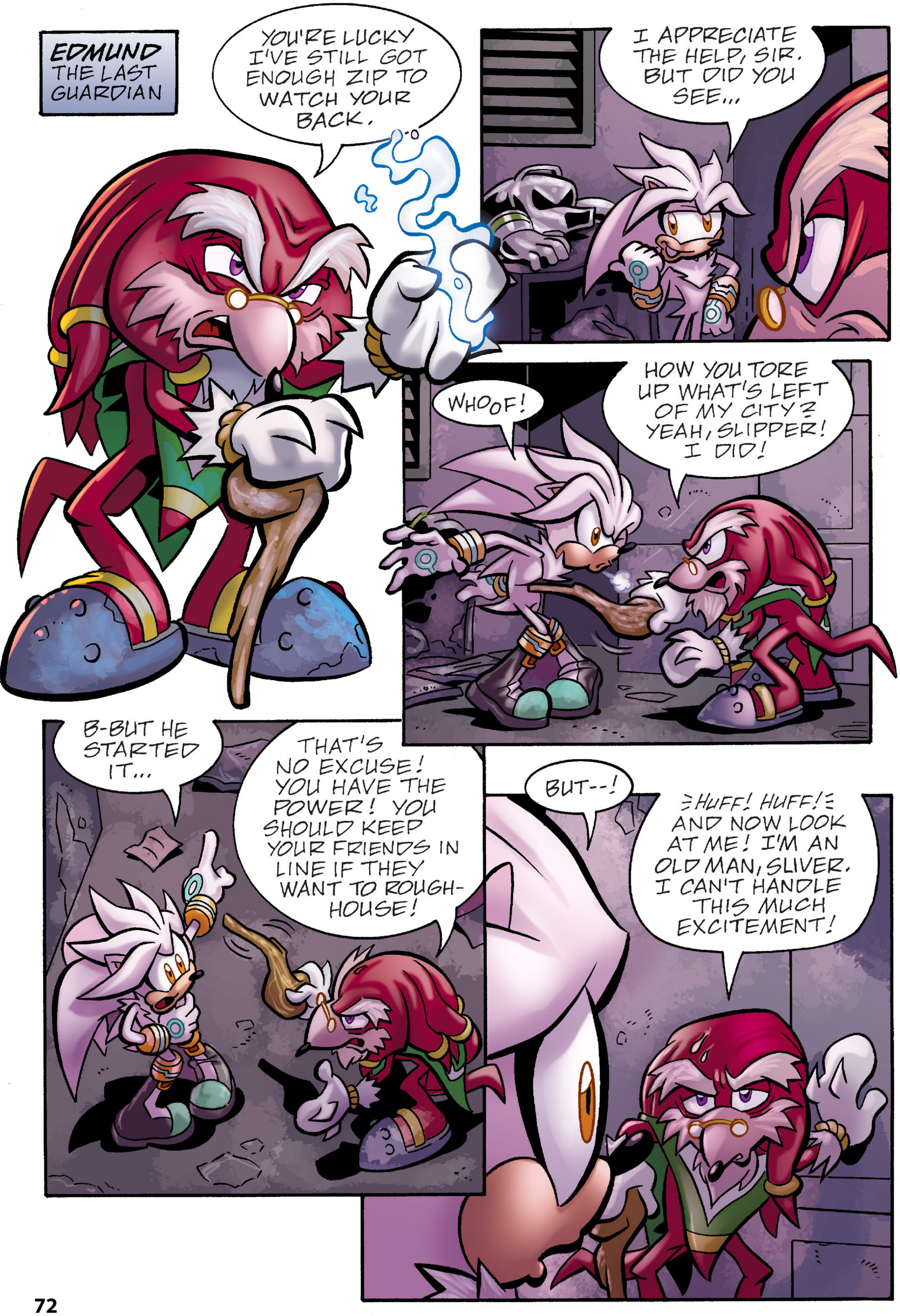

WHAM
O-OKAY... I...STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE.

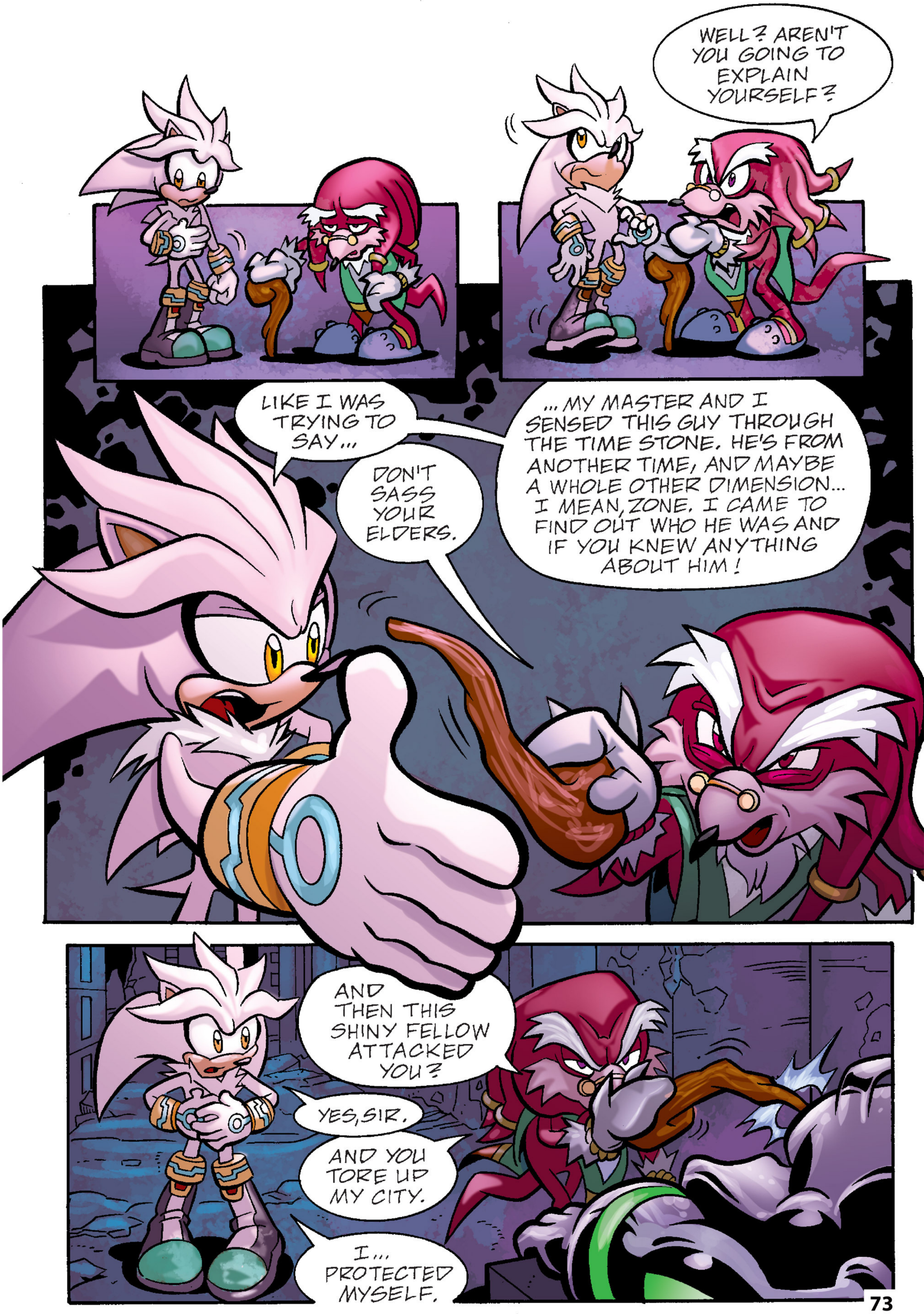

VEKT!
GAH! CUT IT OUT!
VEKT!
VEKT! VEKT!
...OH...
RRRUUMBLE!
CRASH

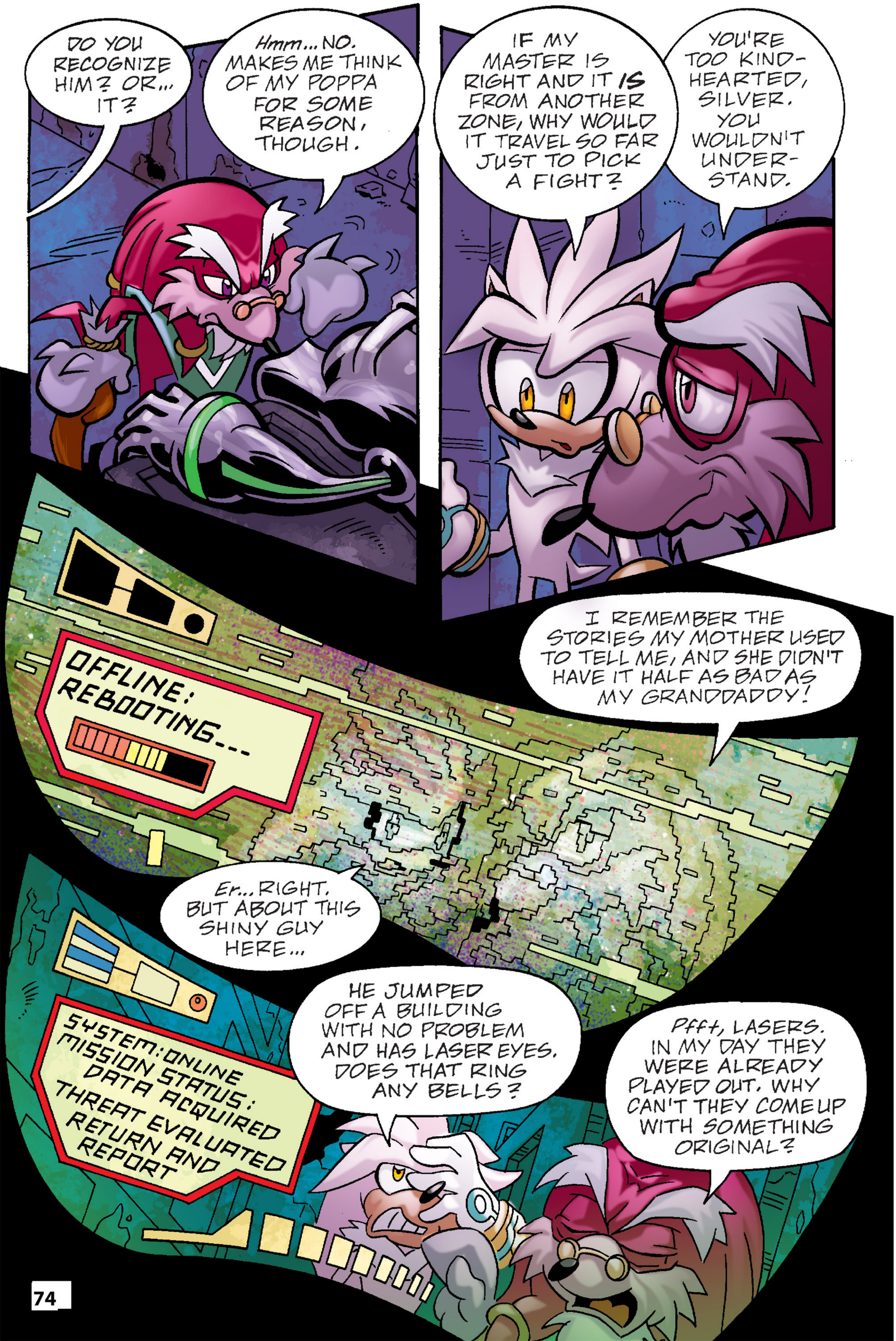

YOU SHOULD'VE STUCK TO THE LASERS!
MY TURN, JERK!
NOW, THEN...
...ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF, OR DO I **ROCK** YOUR WORLD SOME MORE?

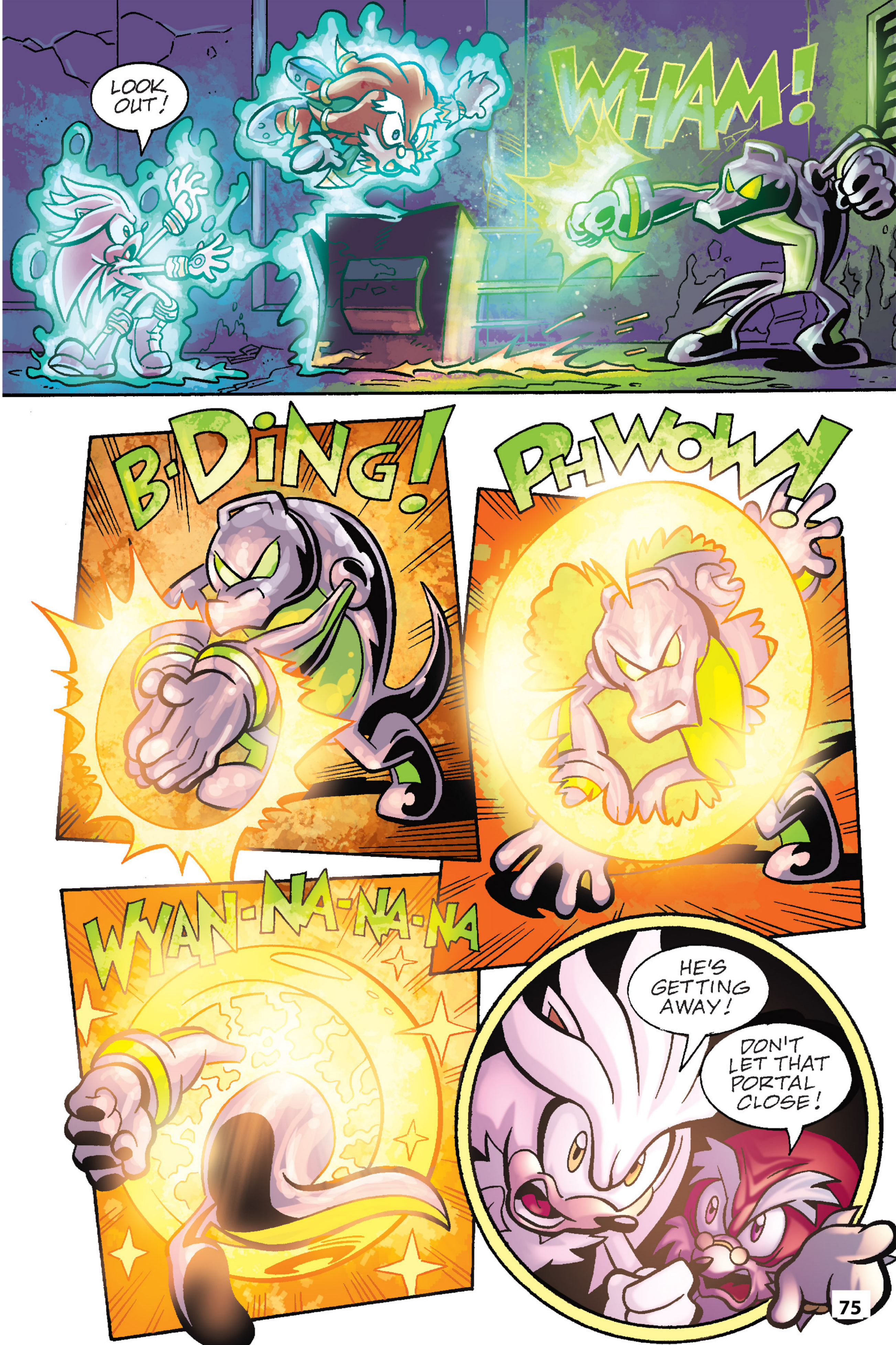

THAT'S RIGHT! RUN!
NO, WAIT, I WAS QUESTIONING HIM.
GET BACK HERE! TRUCE! I JUST WANT ANSWERS!
I'LL ADMIT, I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY. ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS...
...WHERE DID YOU GO?

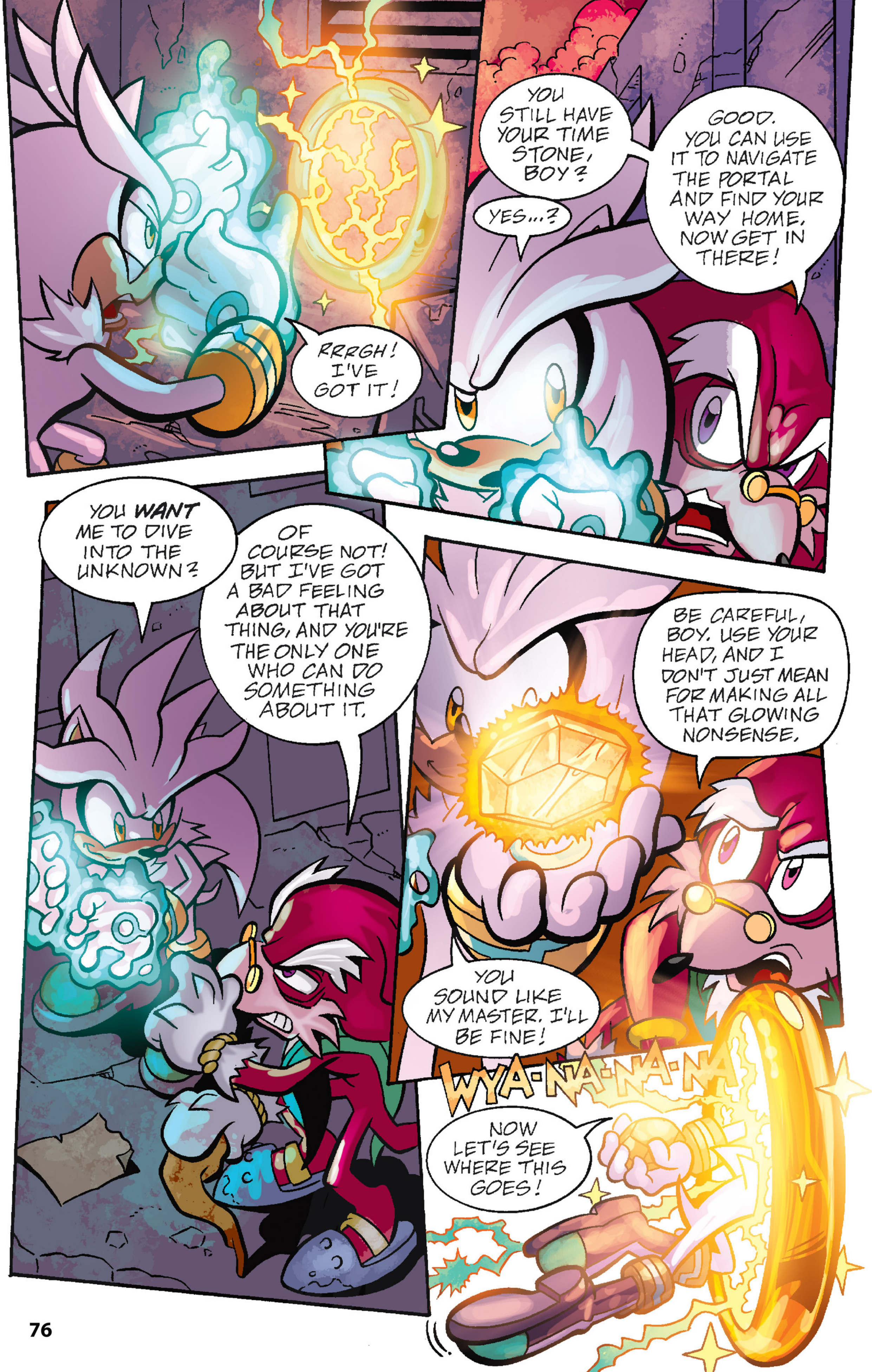

OH COME ON! WE ALREADY KNOW WHO WILL WIN THIS FIGHT!
KRA-KOW
THUNDER ARROW!
SMASH!
GOT YOU!
THOUGHT YOU COULD SNEAK UP ON ME, DID YOU?
HE *DID*, YOU TWERP.

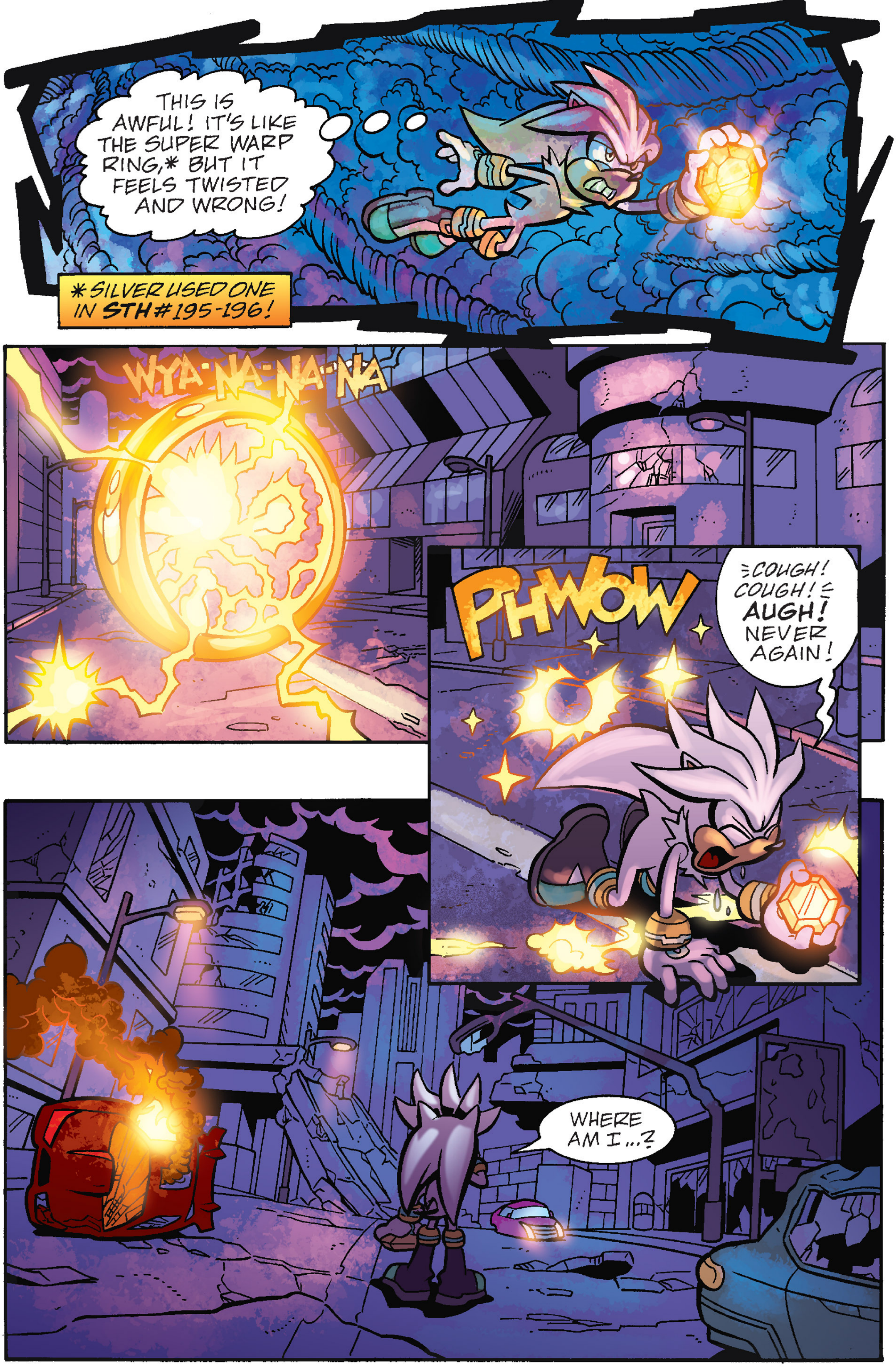

EDMUND
THE LAST GUARDIAN
YOU'RE LUCKY I'VE STILL GOT ENOUGH ZIP TO WATCH YOUR BACK.
I APPRECIATE THE HELP, SIR. BUT DID YOU SEE...
WHOOF!
HOW YOU TORE UP WHAT'S LEFT OF MY CITY? YEAH, SLIPPER! I DID!
B-BUT HE STARTED IT...
THAT'S NO EXCUSE! YOU HAVE THE POWER! YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR FRIENDS IN LINE IF THEY WANT TO ROUGH-HOUSE!
BUT--!
HUFF! HUFF! AND NOW LOOK AT ME! I'M AN OLD MAN, SLIVER. I CAN'T HANDLE THIS MUCH EXCITEMENT!

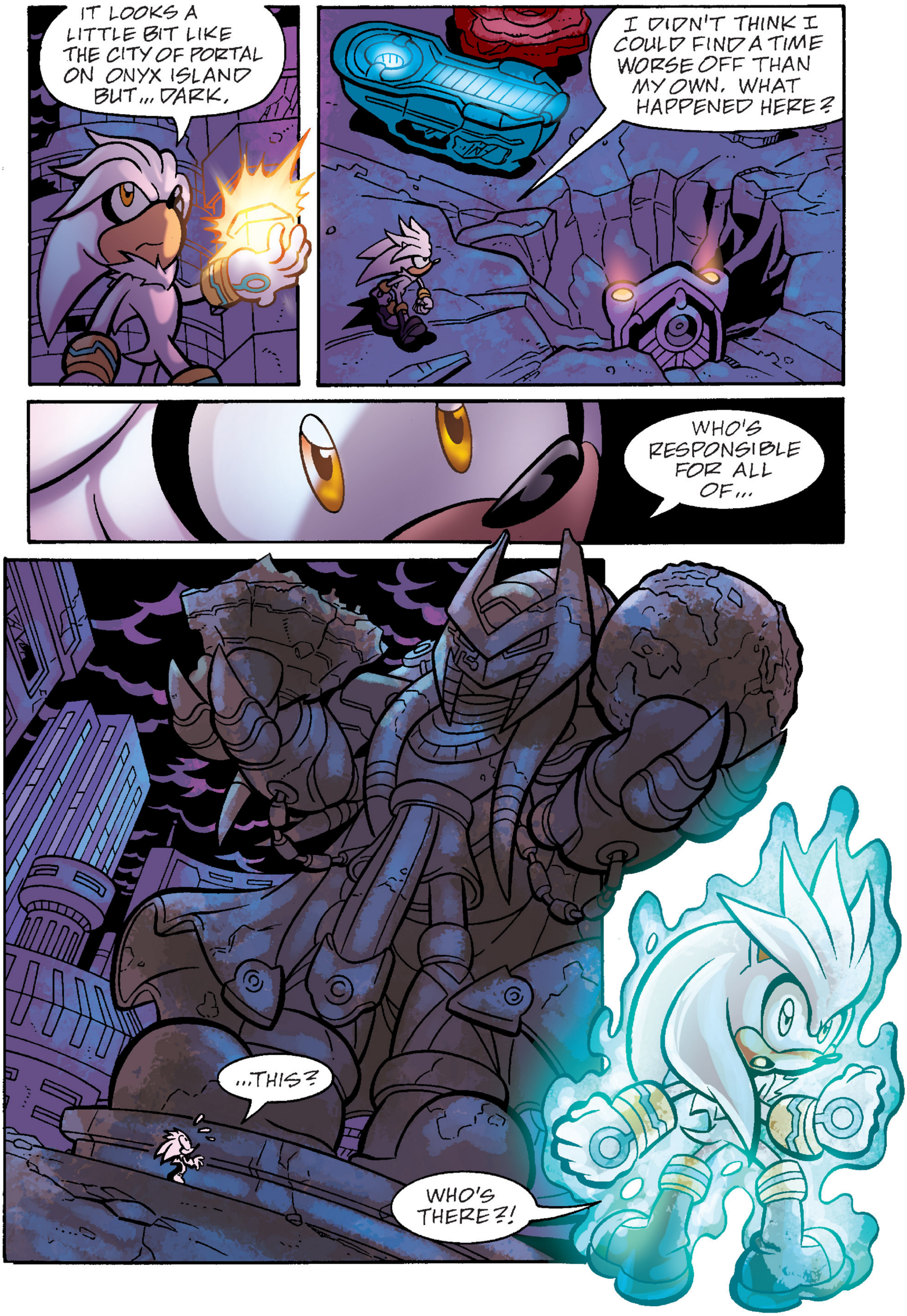

WELL? AREN'T YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF?
LIKE I WAS TRYING TO SAY...
...MY MASTER AND I SENSED THIS GUY THROUGH THE TIME STONE. HE'S FROM ANOTHER TIME, AND MAYBE A WHOLE OTHER DIMENSION... I MEAN, ZONE. I CAME TO FIND OUT WHO HE WAS AND IF YOU KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM!
DON'T SASS YOUR ELDERS.
AND THEN THIS SHINY FELLOW ATTACKED YOU?
YES, SIR.
AND YOU TORE UP MY CITY.
I... PROTECTED MYSELF.

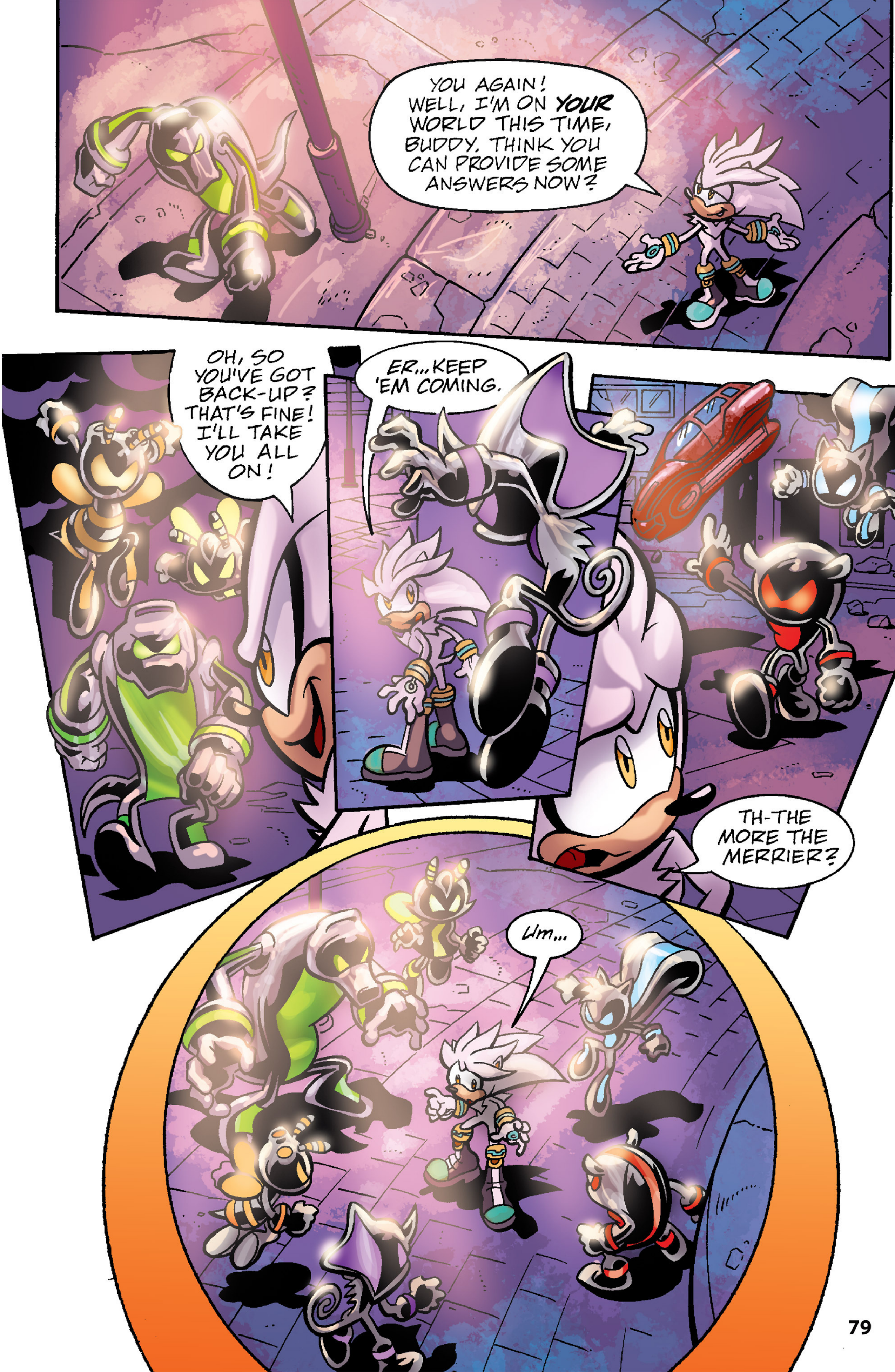

DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIM? OR... IT?
Hmm... NO. MAKES ME THINK OF MY POPPA FOR SOME REASON, THOUGH.
IF MY MASTER IS RIGHT AND IT **IS** FROM ANOTHER ZONE, WHY WOULD IT TRAVEL SO FAR JUST TO PICK A FIGHT?
YOU'RE TOO KIND-HEARTED, SILVER. YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
OFFLINE: REBOOTING...
I REMEMBER THE STORIES MY MOTHER USED TO TELL ME, AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE IT HALF AS BAD AS MY GRANDDADDY!
Er... RIGHT. BUT ABOUT THIS SHINY GUY HERE...
SYSTEM: ONLINE MISSION STATUS: DATA ACQUIRED THREAT EVALUATED RETURN AND REPORT
HE JUMPED OFF A BUILDING WITH NO PROBLEM AND HAS LASER EYES. DOES THAT RING ANY BELLS?
Pfft, LASERS. IN MY DAY THEY WERE ALREADY PLAYED OUT. WHY CAN'T THEY COME UP WITH SOMETHING ORIGINAL?

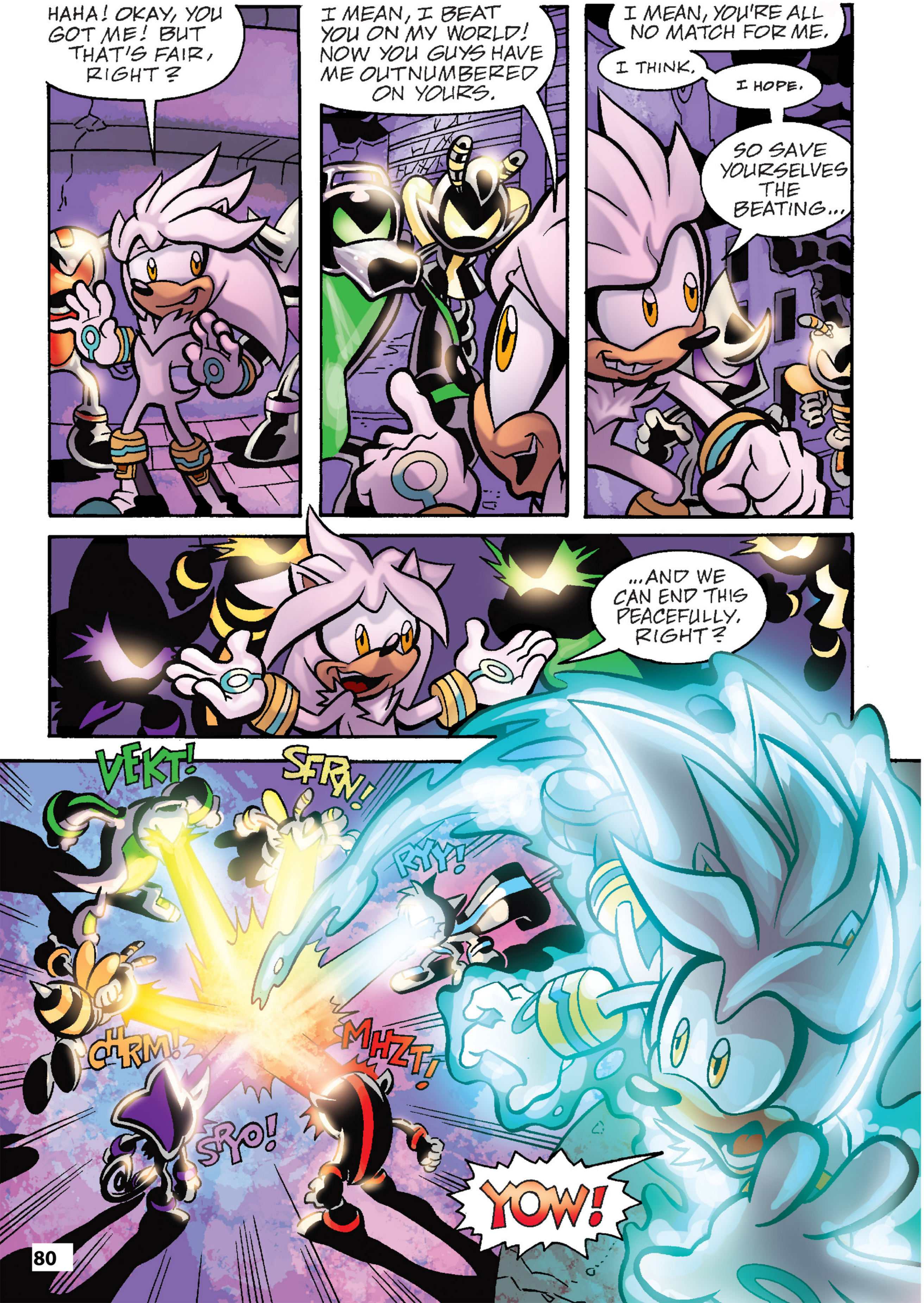

LOOK OUT!
WHAM!
B-DING!
PHWOWW!
WYAN-NA-NA-NA
HE'S GETTING AWAY!
DON'T LET THAT PORTAL CLOSE!

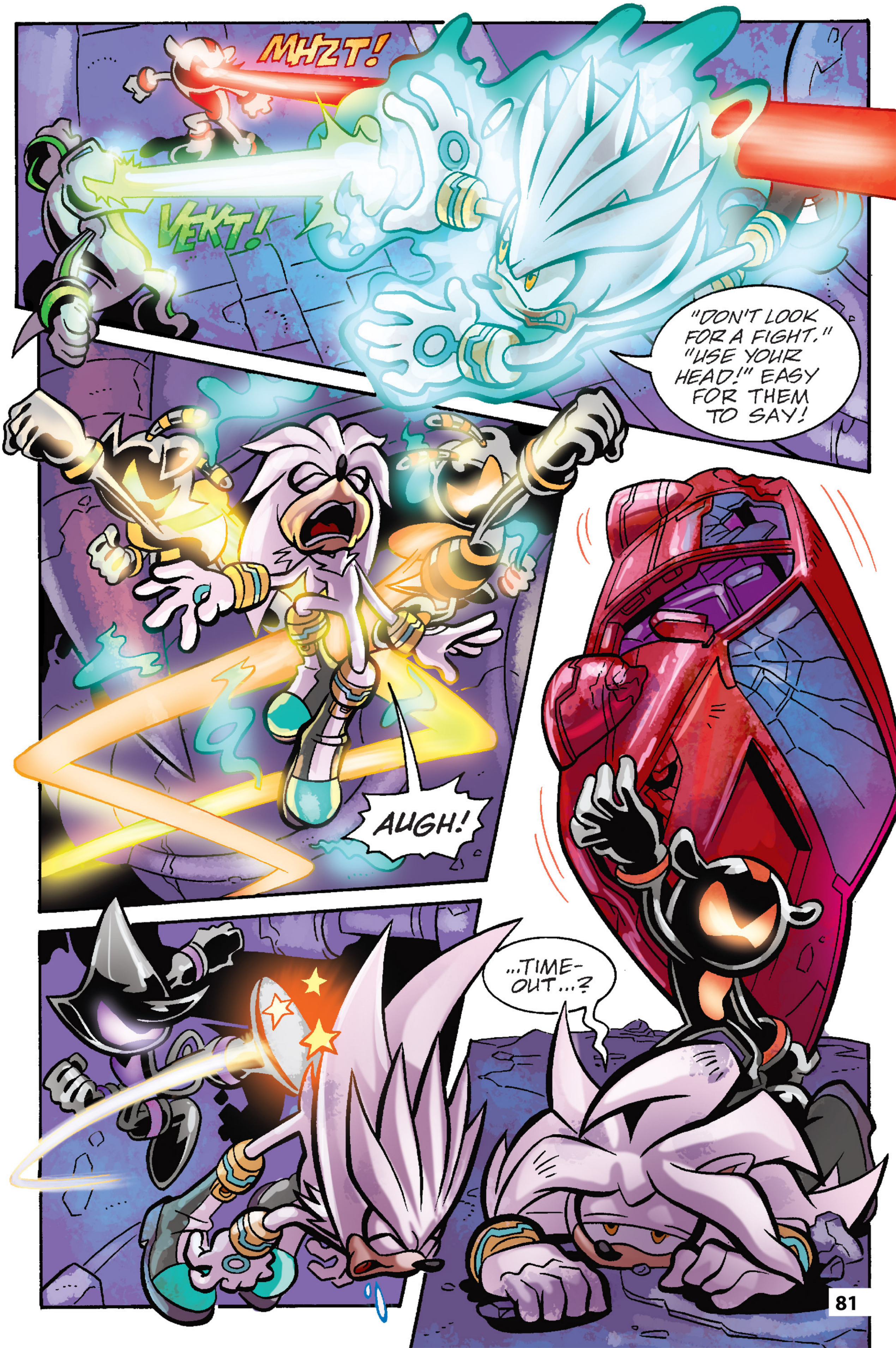

RRRGH! I'VE GOT IT!
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR TIME STONE, BOY?
YES...?
GOOD. YOU CAN USE IT TO NAVIGATE THE PORTAL AND FIND YOUR WAY HOME. NOW GET IN THERE!
YOU **WANT** ME TO DIVE INTO THE UNKNOWN?
OF COURSE NOT! BUT I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THAT THING, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
BE CAREFUL, BOY. USE YOUR HEAD, AND I DON'T JUST MEAN FOR MAKING ALL THAT GLOWING NONSENSE.
YOU SOUND LIKE MY MASTER. I'LL BE FINE!
WYA-NA-NA-NA-NA
NOW LET'S SEE WHERE THIS GOES!

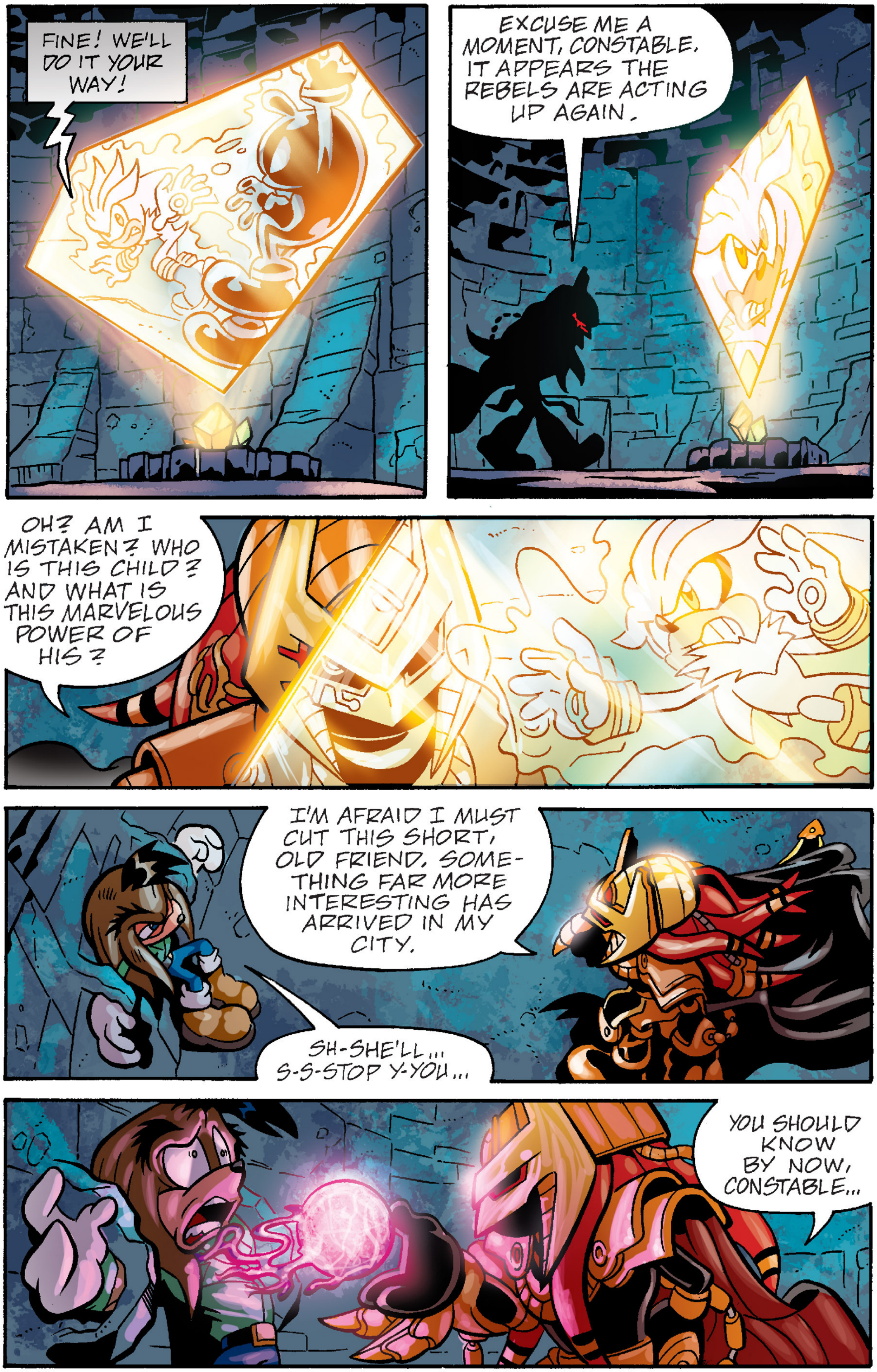

THIS IS AWFUL! IT'S LIKE THE SUPER WARP RING,* BUT IT FEELS TWISTED AND WRONG!
*SILVER USED ONE IN STH #195-196!
WYA-NA-NA-NA
PHWOW
≡COUGH! COUGH!≡ AUGH! NEVER AGAIN!
WHERE AM I...?

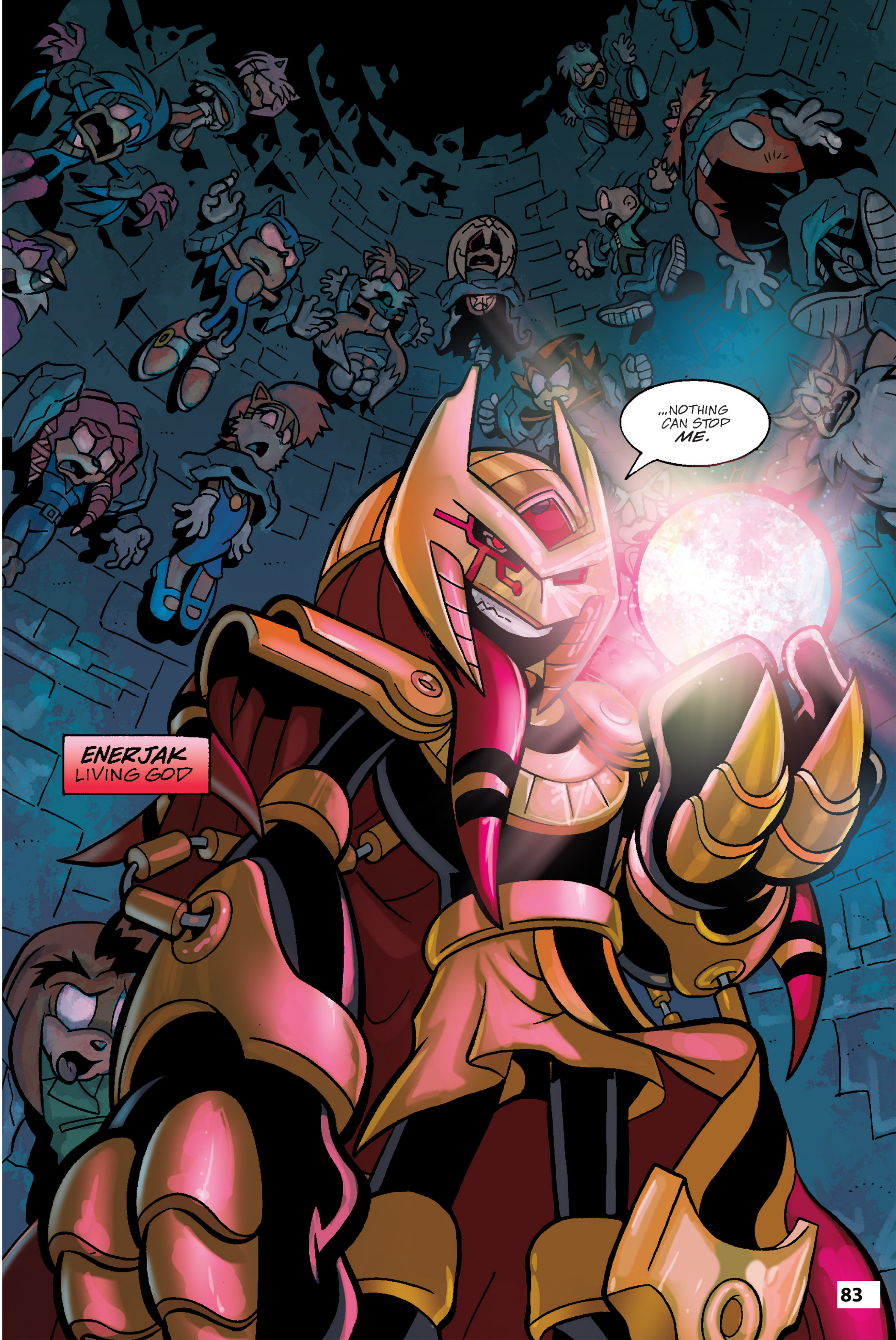

IT LOOKS A LITTLE BIT LIKE THE CITY OF PORTAL ON ONYX ISLAND BUT... DARK.
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD FIND A TIME WORSE OFF THAN MY OWN. WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF...
...THIS?
WHO'S THERE?!


YOU AGAIN! WELL, I'M ON *YOUR* WORLD THIS TIME, BUDDY. THINK YOU CAN PROVIDE SOME ANSWERS NOW?
OH, SO YOU'VE GOT BACK-UP? THAT'S FINE! I'LL TAKE YOU ALL ON!
ER... KEEP 'EM COMING.
TH-THE MORE THE MERRIER?
Um...


HAHA! OKAY, YOU GOT ME! BUT THAT'S FAIR, RIGHT?
I MEAN, I BEAT YOU ON MY WORLD! NOW YOU GUYS HAVE ME OUTNUMBERED ON YOURS.
I MEAN, YOU'RE ALL NO MATCH FOR ME.
I THINK.
I HOPE.
SO SAVE YOURSELVES THE BEATING...
...AND WE CAN END THIS PEACEFULLY, RIGHT?
VEKT!
SFRN!
RYY!
CHRM!
MHZT!
SRO!
YOW!


MHZT!
VEKT!
"DON'T LOOK FOR A FIGHT." "USE YOUR HEAD!" EASY FOR THEM TO SAY!
AUGH!
...TIME-OUT...?


FINE! WE'LL DO IT YOUR WAY!
EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, CONSTABLE. IT APPEARS THE REBELS ARE ACTING UP AGAIN.
OH? AM I MISTAKEN? WHO IS THIS CHILD? AND WHAT IS THIS MARVELOUS POWER OF HIS?
I'M AFRAID I MUST CUT THIS SHORT, OLD FRIEND. SOMETHING FAR MORE INTERESTING HAS ARRIVED IN MY CITY.
SH-SHE'LL... S-S-STOP Y-YOU...
YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW, CONSTABLE...

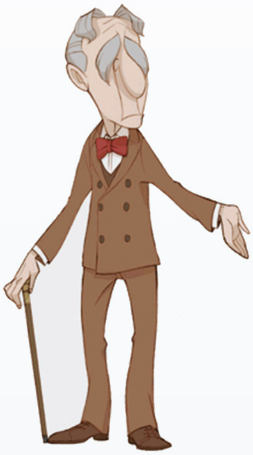

...NOTHING CAN STOP *ME.*
ENERJAK
LIVING GOD

GAIA TEMPLE TACTICS

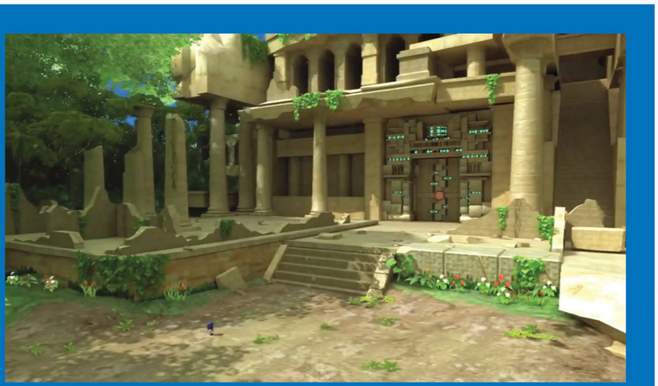
The Shattered World Crisis is upon us, and it's up to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to make things right! Thanks to Prof. Pickle our heroes have an idea of what they need to do. Unfortunately, so does Dr. Eggman!

Hidden throughout the world are the seven Gaia Temples – ancient constructs meant to help restore the world. To power all seven temples you need the energies of the seven Chaos Emeralds. So now the hunt is on for emeralds and temples!

But it won't be easy. Tracking down the Chaos Emeralds isn't a simple job, and that's when the world is in one piece! And it will only get harder as Dr. Eggman brings all of his resources to find the emeralds and temples first!

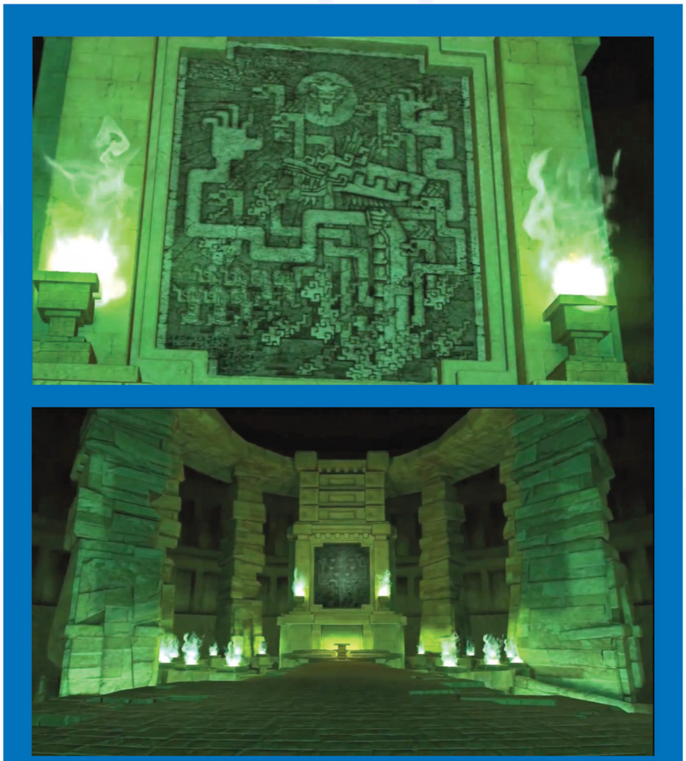


Professor Pickle may hold the key to the planet's survival!

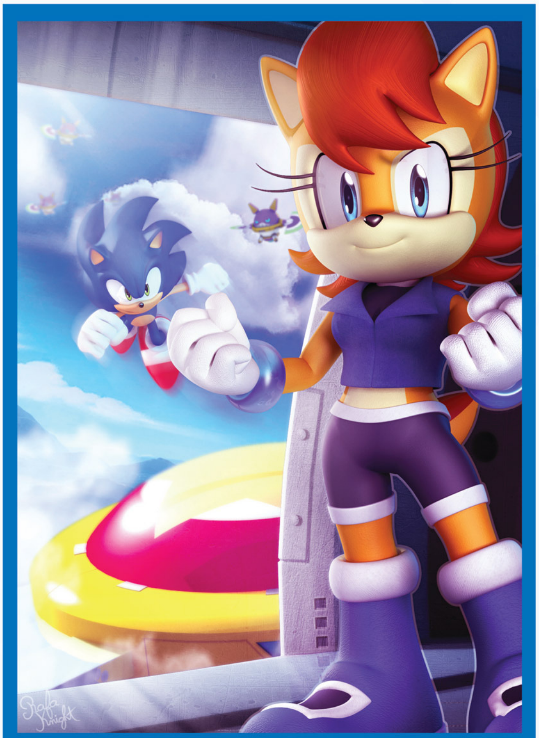


Gaia Temples are ancient and sacred structures. Depicted here is a temple entrance as seen from the 2008 video game "Sonic Unleashed"!

Only the power of the Chaos Emeralds is strong enough to bring the pieces of the broken world back to their original state.



In order to restore the planet back to its normal state, Sonic must collect the Chaos Emeralds and bring them to the seven Gaia Temples located all around his world. That's some road trip!



The Sky Patrol plays the special role of transporting our heroes on their worldwide adventure while the planet is broken.

Sonic will be facing all new Egg Bosses and Badnik Horde Commanders in his most grueling adventure yet!

Thanks to the Sky Patrol, the Freedom Fighters are free to explore every nook and cranny of the fractured planet. Teams will be scrambled, with Sonic collaborating with each of his friends in all new adventures! Join the hunt with "Waves of Change" and "The Light in the Dark" starting in Sonic the Hedgehog #260! ■

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

Knuckles and the Chaotix are going on an epic adventure to help find the Chaos Emeralds and restore their broken home!

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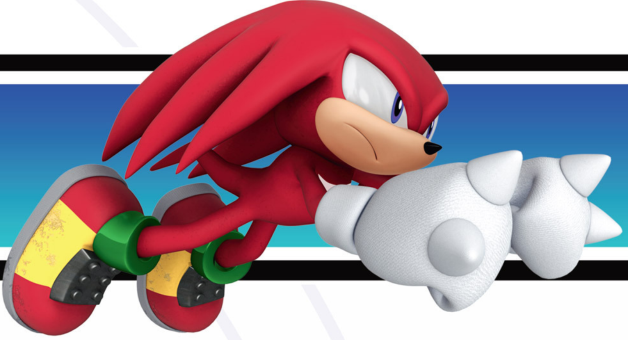
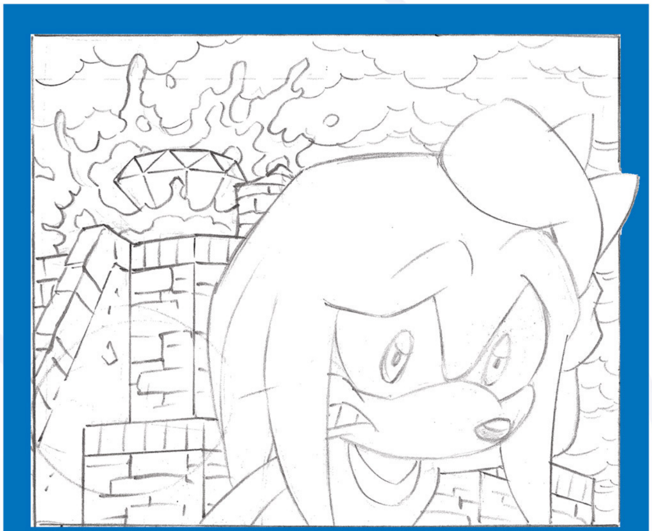




The Shattered World Crisis continues!
Even Angel Island is affected by the abnormal state of the planet! It's up to Knuckles to keep the Island and the world safe!

Knuckles and the Chaotix make their triumphant return to Sonic Universe! The Shattered World Crisis affects everyone, even reclusive echidnas on their flying islands! Our heroes will be facing Hooligans and monsters alike as they strive to save the world!

Knuckles begins the adventure on his own quest. A mysterious force has tasked him with finding a wayward spirit. This spirit is supposed to be key to fixing the planet. Can the world's greatest treasure hunter and last Guardian of Angel Island find the lost spirit?

Along the way, Knuckles will meet up with the Chaotix Detective Agency, led by Vector. Vector talks big, and he can usually back it up with his brawn and surprisingly sharp analytical skills. Princess Sally has hired the Chaotix to help find the Chaos Emeralds – and Vector needs the rent money!

Joining him is Espio, a self-styled ninja. He is the calm in the storm that is Vector's temper and Charmy's childishness, but he can take himself a bit too seriously. Tracking down the bad guys and solving mysteries is just the kind of on-going training a ninja like him needs!

Rounding out the team is Charmy, the hyperactive bee! What is it about him that's so "charming"? Your guess is as good as ours, and it may be the one case the Chaotix never solve. While he can be a pain, Charmy's never-tiring devotion to the team keeps them going. And he can use his small size and flying prowess to investigate places his bigger companions can't reach.

See the Chaotix in action in "THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER" coming to Sonic Universe starting in issue #63! On sale 4.23.14 ■

ALL OUT WAR

PREVIOUSLY...

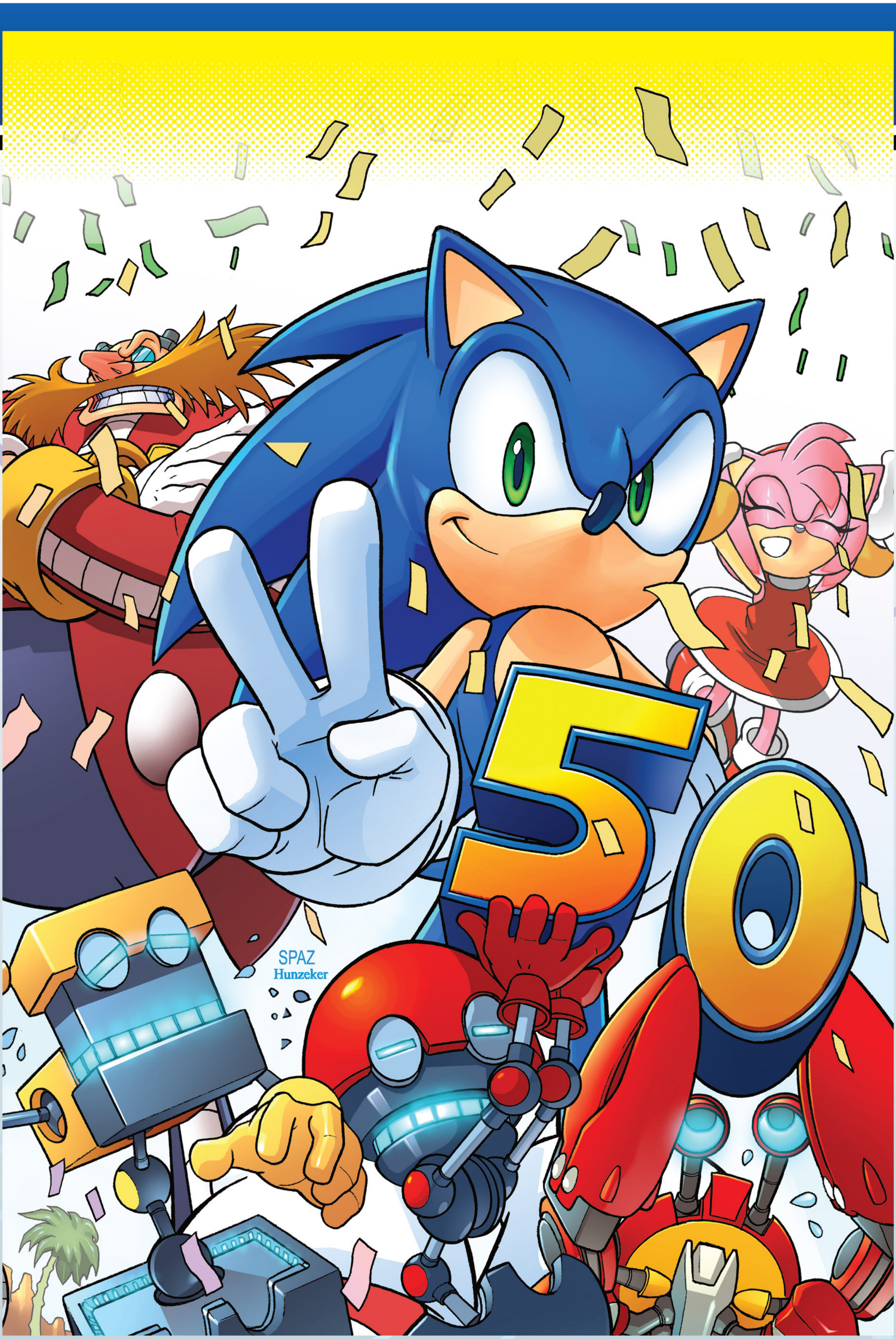
THROUGH THE **EVIL SCHEMES** OF **DR. EGGMAN** AND **DR. WILY,** BOTH **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S WORLD** AND **MEGA MAN'S WORLD** HAVE BEEN REWRITTEN WITH THE **GENESIS WAVE!** AFTER A HEATED BATTLE, THE BLUE BLUR AND THE BLUE BOMBER JOINED FORCES TO INVADE THE MAD DOCTORS' **"SKULL EGG ZONE,"** RESTORE BOTH UNIVERSES, AND RESCUE THE KIDNAPPED CREATOR OF MEGA MAN, **DR. LIGHT!**

NOW MEGA MAN IS JOINED BY SONIC AND ALL HIS **FRIENDS**. TOGETHER, THEY STAND **UNITED** IN A FINAL PUSH TO STOP THE DOCTORS, PUT AN END TO THIS **CRAZY ZONE**, AND HOPEFULLY RETURN THEIR OWN **TIME-WARPED** WORLDS TO NORMAL!

OUR HEROES ARE AT THE **DOORSTEP** OF THE MAD SCIENTISTS' **BATTLE STATION** WITH AN IMPRESSIVE TEAM OF ALLIES, HOWEVER, THE DOCTORS HAVE GATHERED **AN ARMY OF THEIR OWN...**

DID YOU KNOW...

Sonic and Mega Man: Worlds Collide was 2013's crossover event of the summer, spanning across 12 full issues from the Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe and Mega Man™ comic series! The entire story is currently being collected into three graphic novel volumes, with volumes 1 & 2 available now and volume 3 coming this spring!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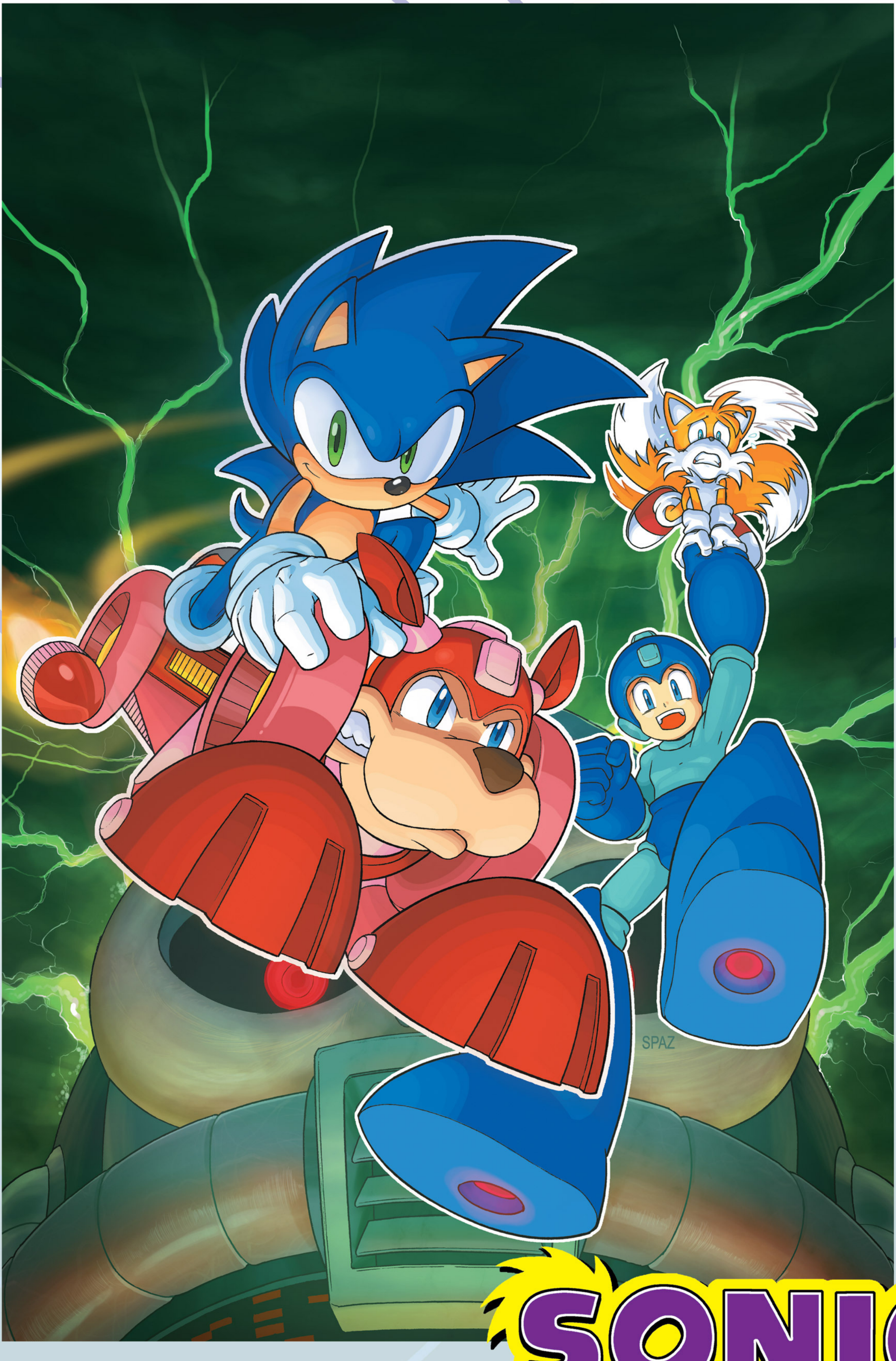

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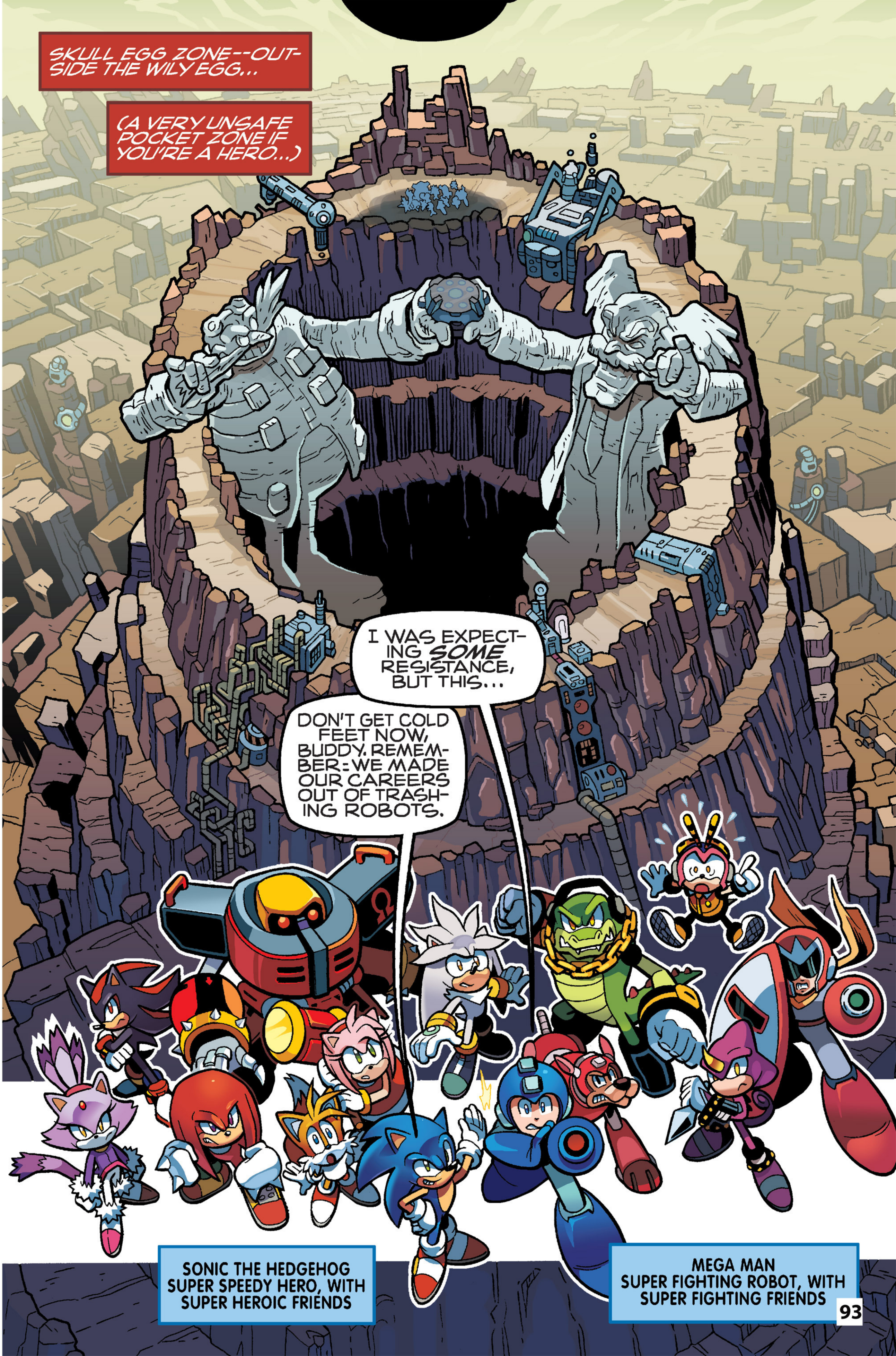
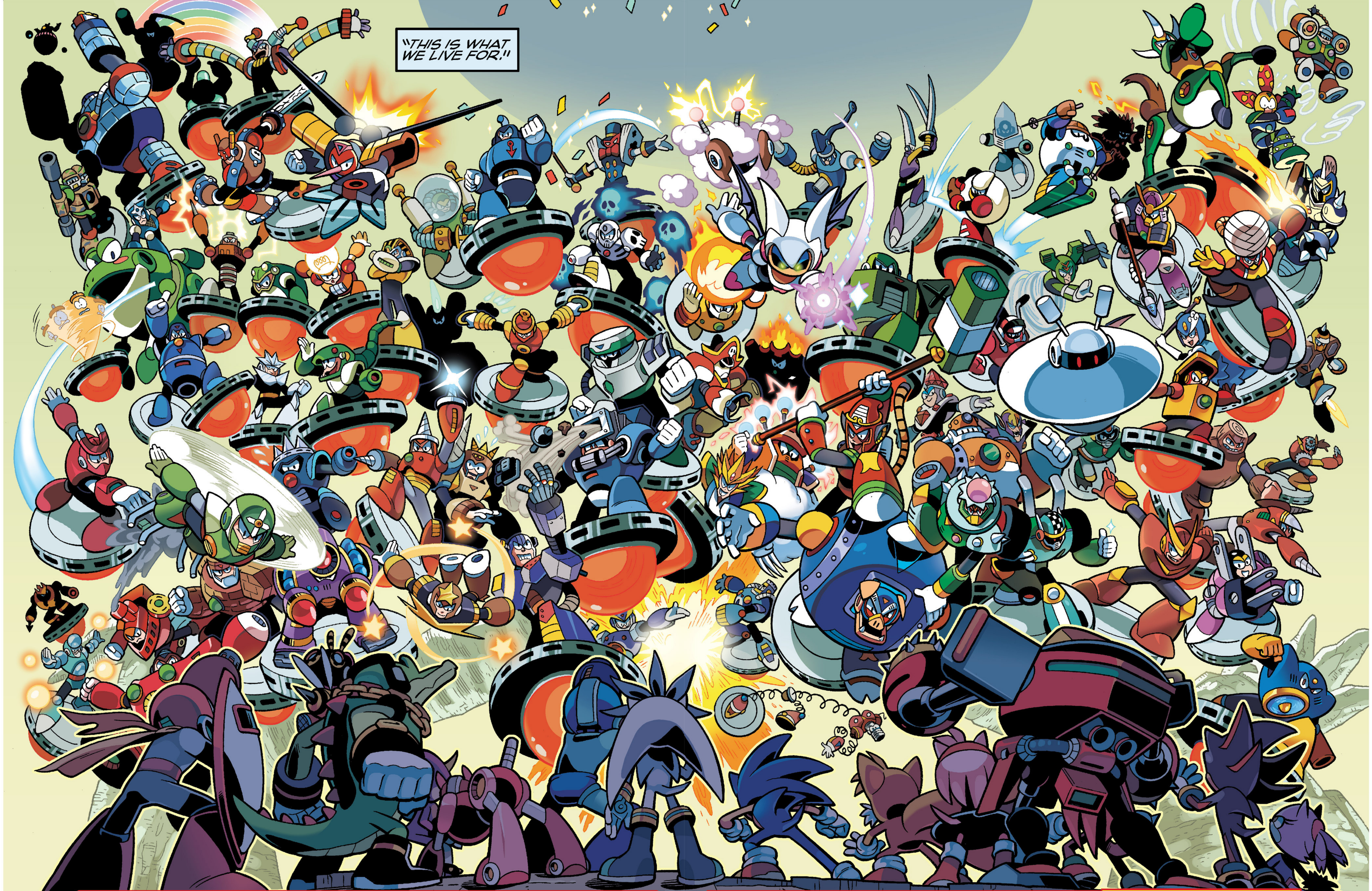

SKULL EGG ZONE--OUTSIDE THE WILY EGG...
(A VERY UNSAFE POCKET ZONE IF YOU'RE A HERO...)
I WAS EXPECTING *SOME* RESISTANCE, BUT THIS...
DON'T GET COLD FEET NOW, BUDDY. REMEMBER: WE MADE OUR CAREERS OUT OF TRASHING ROBOTS.
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SUPER SPEEDY HERO, WITH SUPER HEROIC FRIENDS
MEGA MAN SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT, WITH SUPER FIGHTING FRIENDS


"THIS IS WHAT WE LIVE FOR."

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

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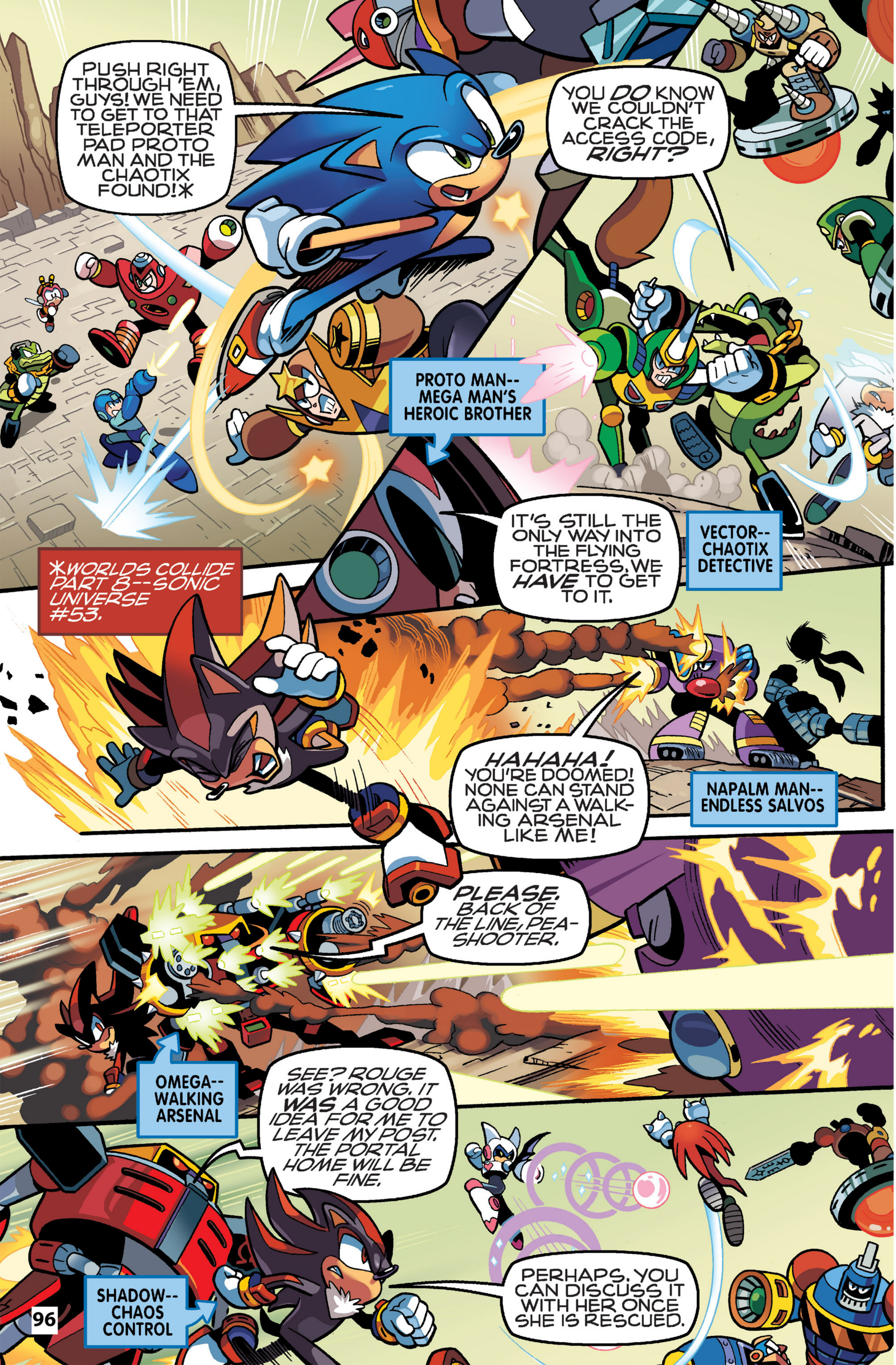
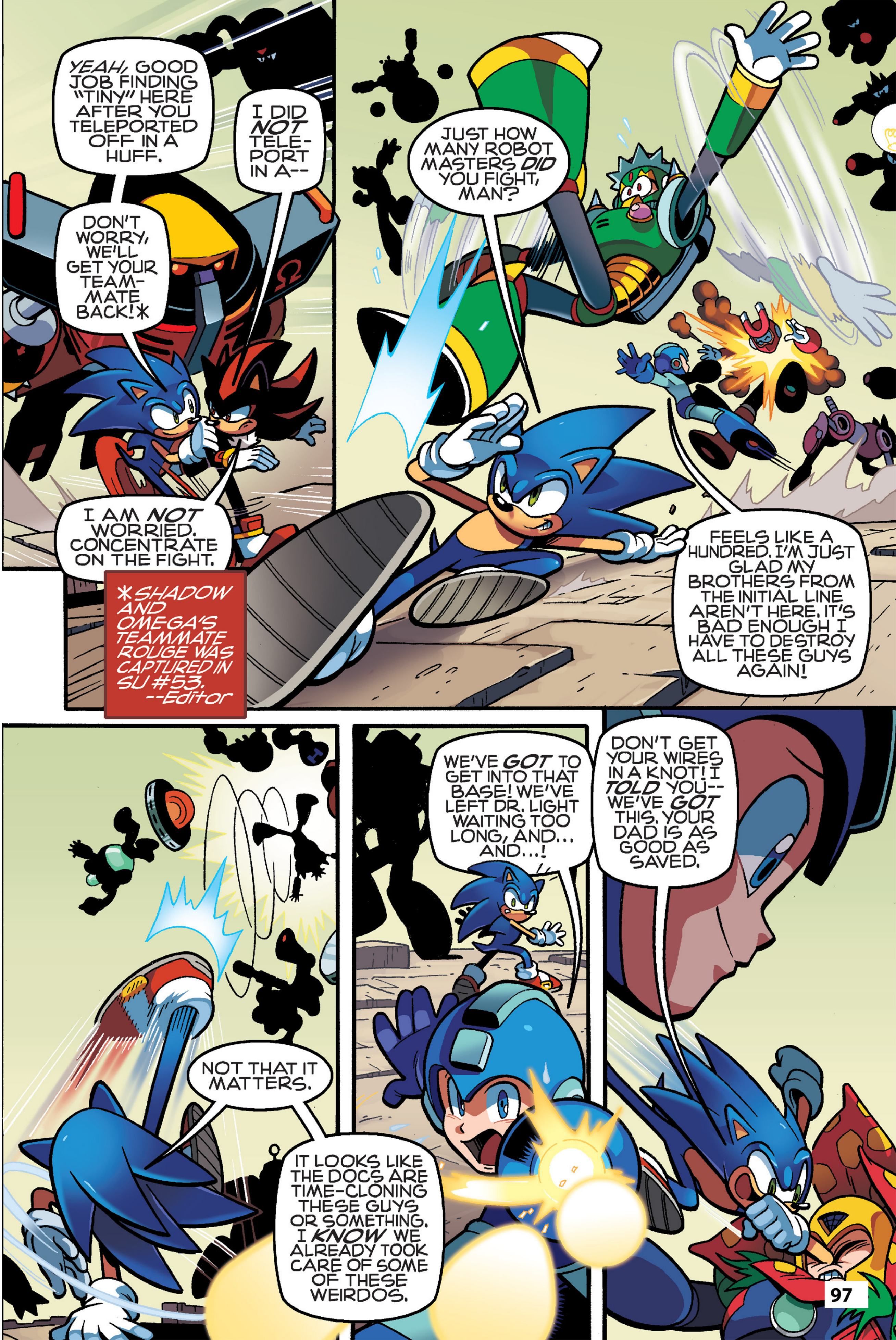
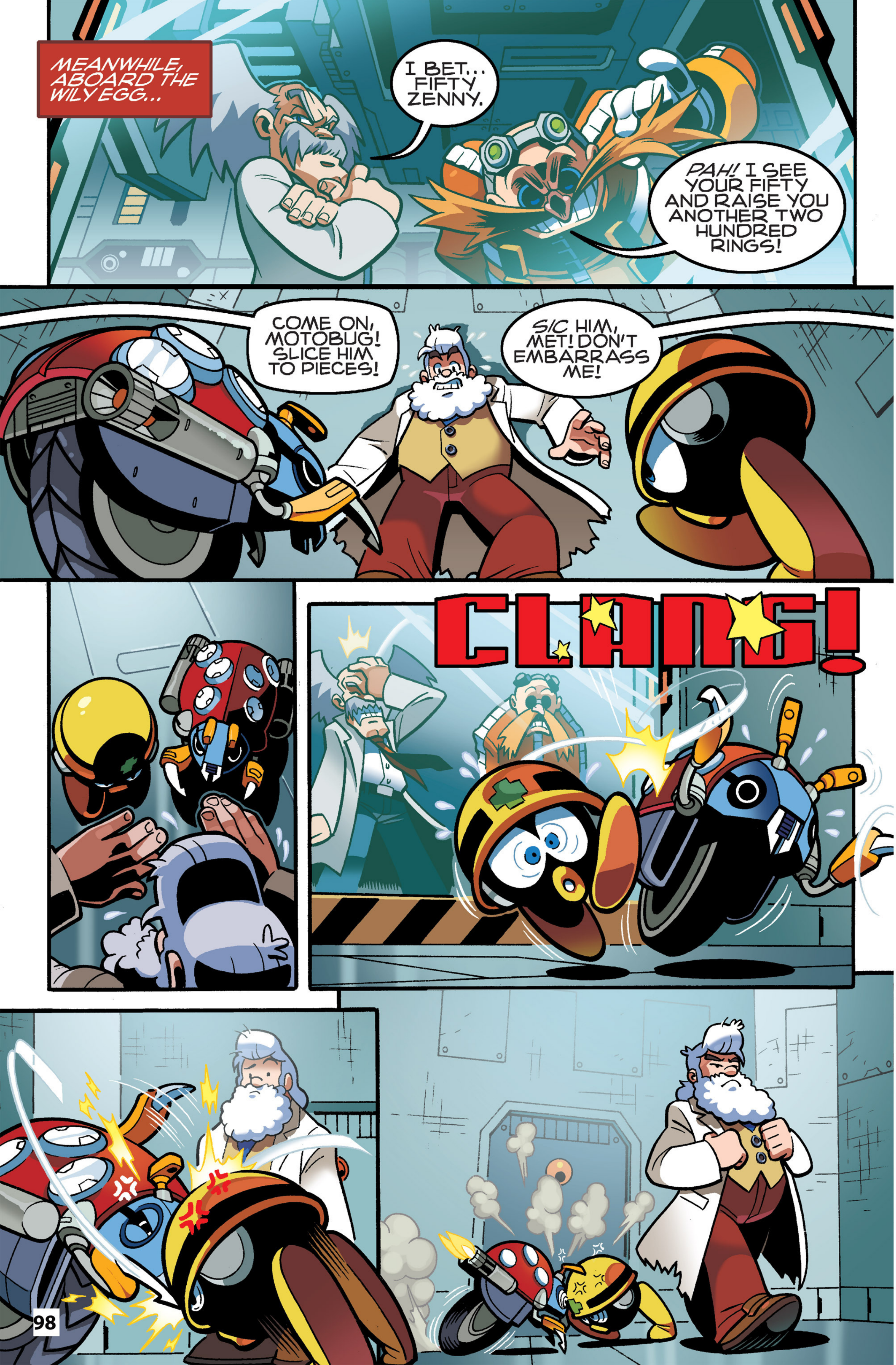
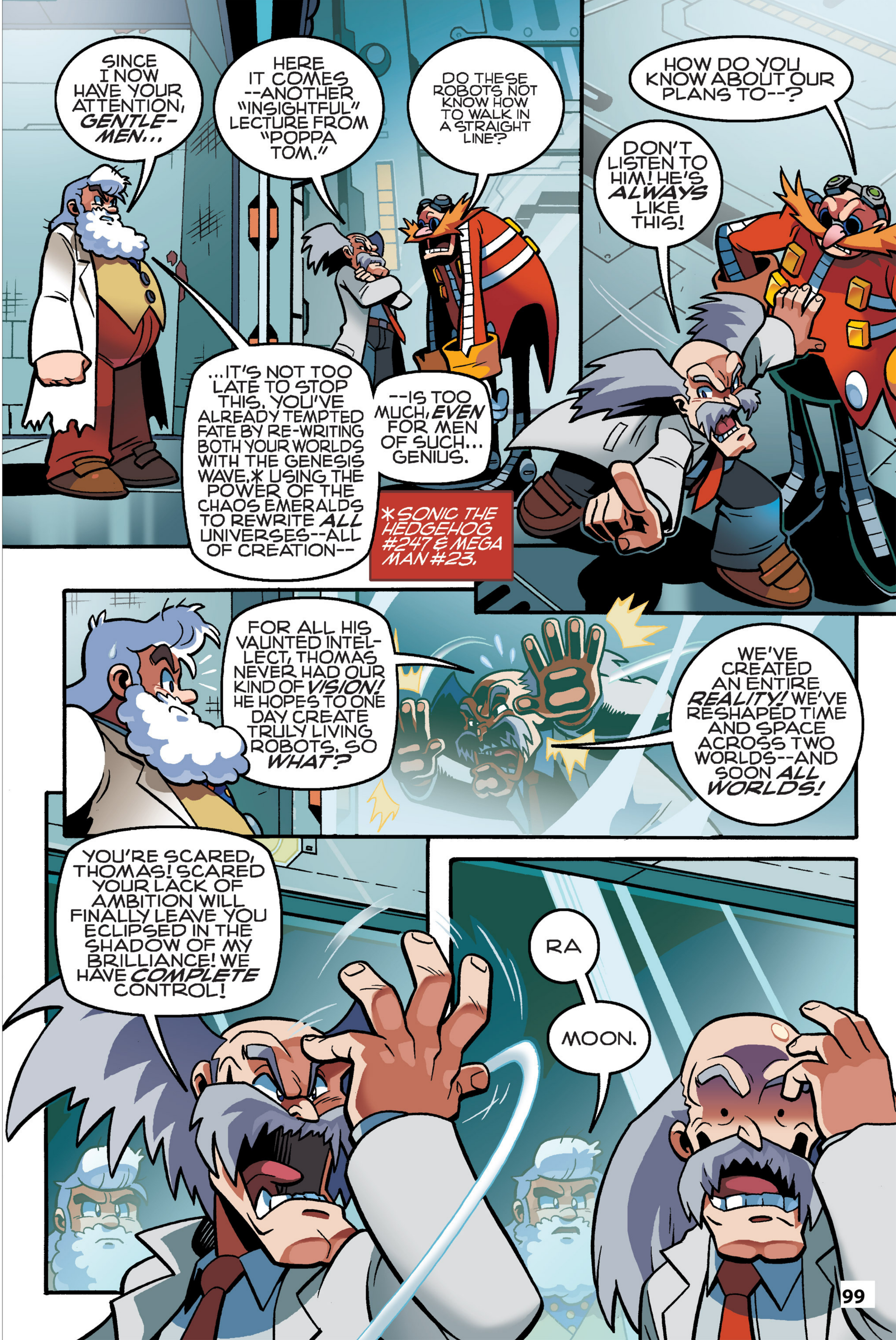
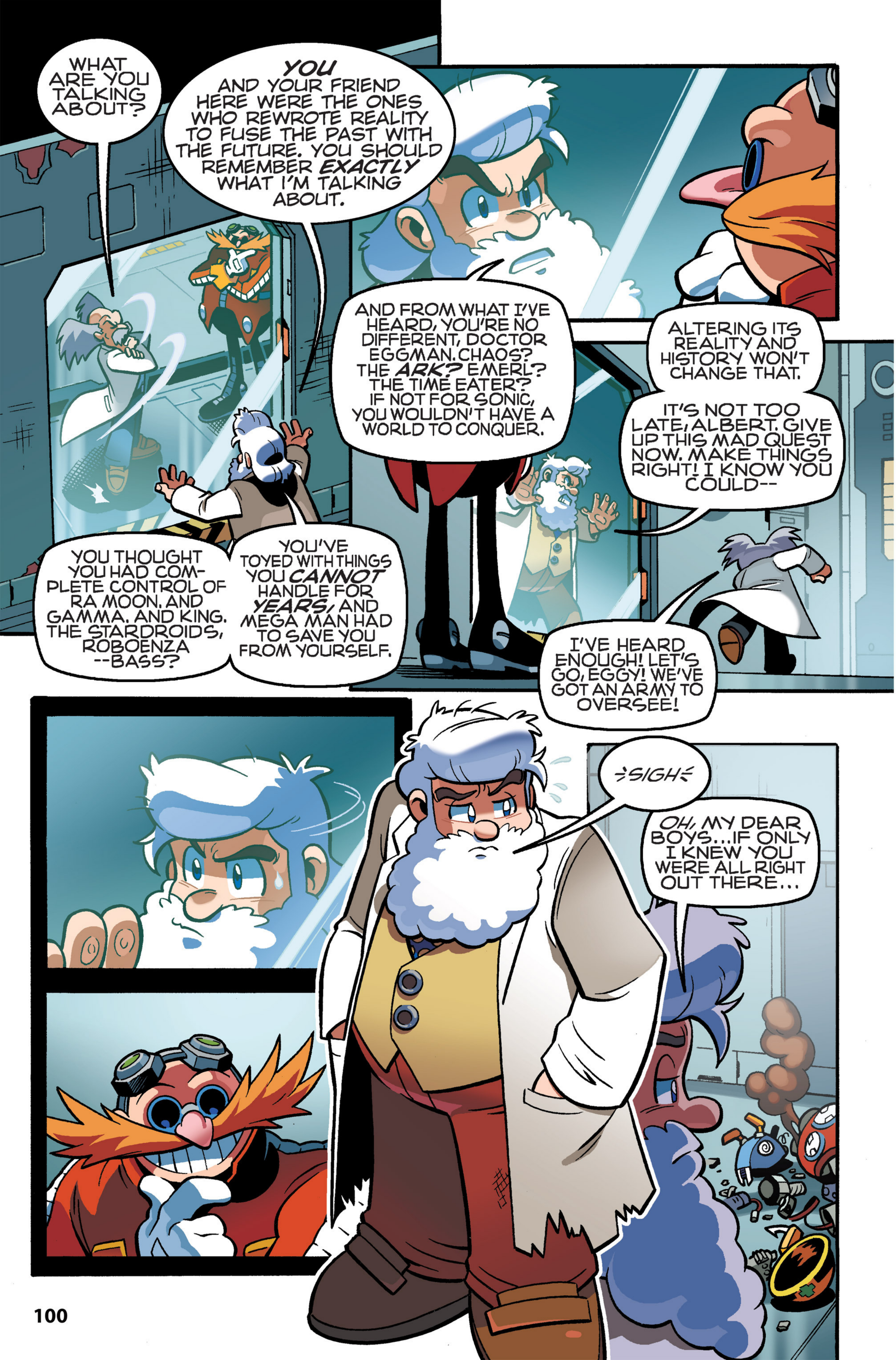
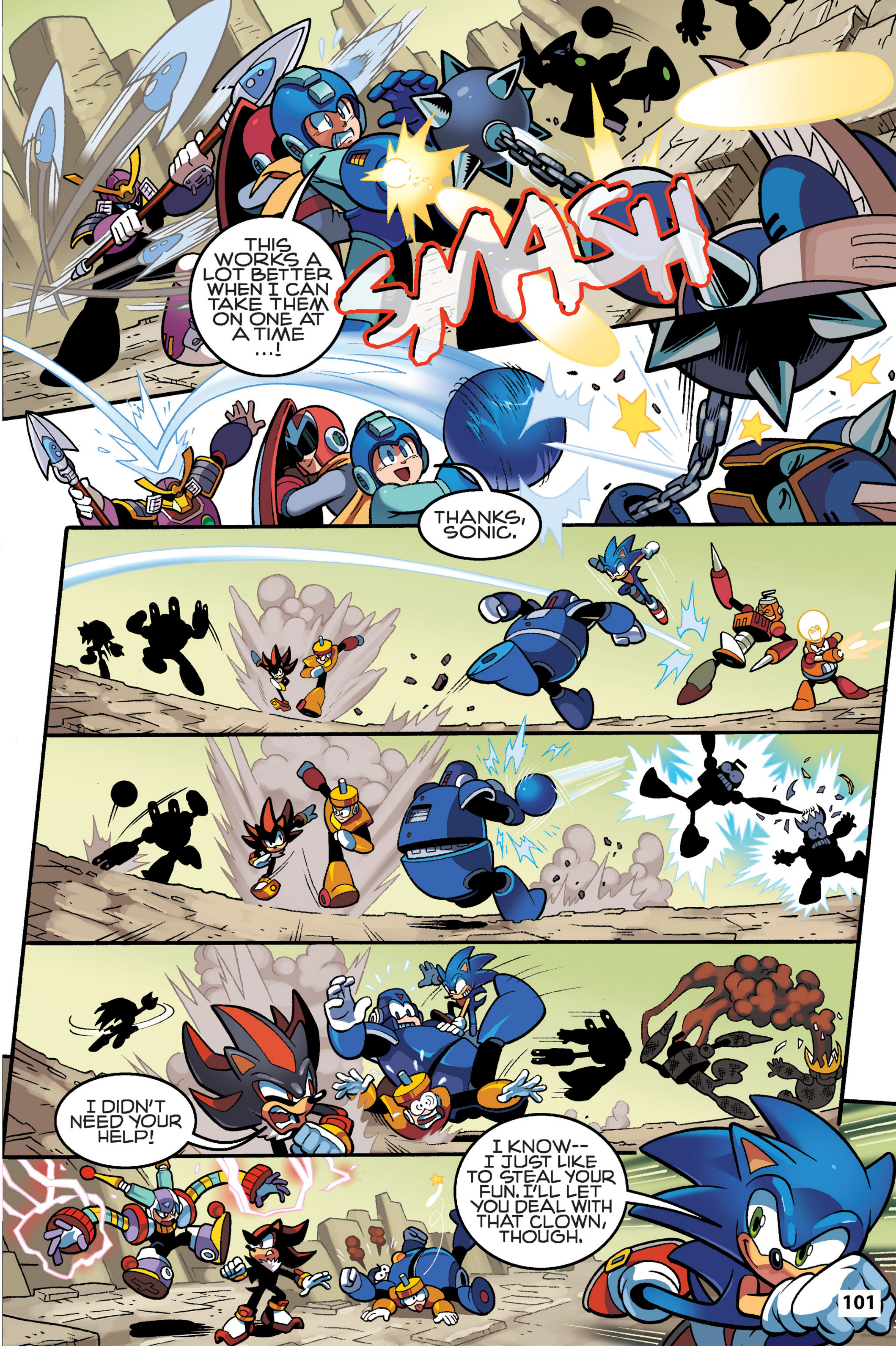

PUSH RIGHT THROUGH 'EM, GUYS! WE NEED TO GET TO THAT TELEPORTER PAD PROTO MAN AND THE CHAOTIX FOUND!*
YOU *DO* KNOW WE COULDN'T CRACK THE ACCESS CODE, *RIGHT?*
PROTO MAN-- MEGA MAN'S HEROIC BROTHER
IT'S STILL THE ONLY WAY INTO THE FLYING FORTRESS. WE *HAVE* TO GET TO IT.
VECTOR-- CHAOTIX DETECTIVE
*WORLDS COLLIDE PART 8--SONIC UNIVERSE #53.
HAHAHA! YOU'RE DOOMED! NONE CAN STAND AGAINST A WALKING ARSENAL LIKE ME!
NAPALM MAN-- ENDLESS SALVOS
PLEASE. BACK OF THE LINE, PEASHOOTER.
OMEGA-- WALKING ARSENAL
*SEE? ROUGE WAS WRONG. IT **WAS** A GOOD IDEA FOR ME TO LEAVE MY POST. THE PORTAL HOME WILL BE FINE.*
SHADOW-- CHAOS CONTROL
PERHAPS, YOU CAN DISCUSS IT WITH HER ONCE SHE IS RESCUED.

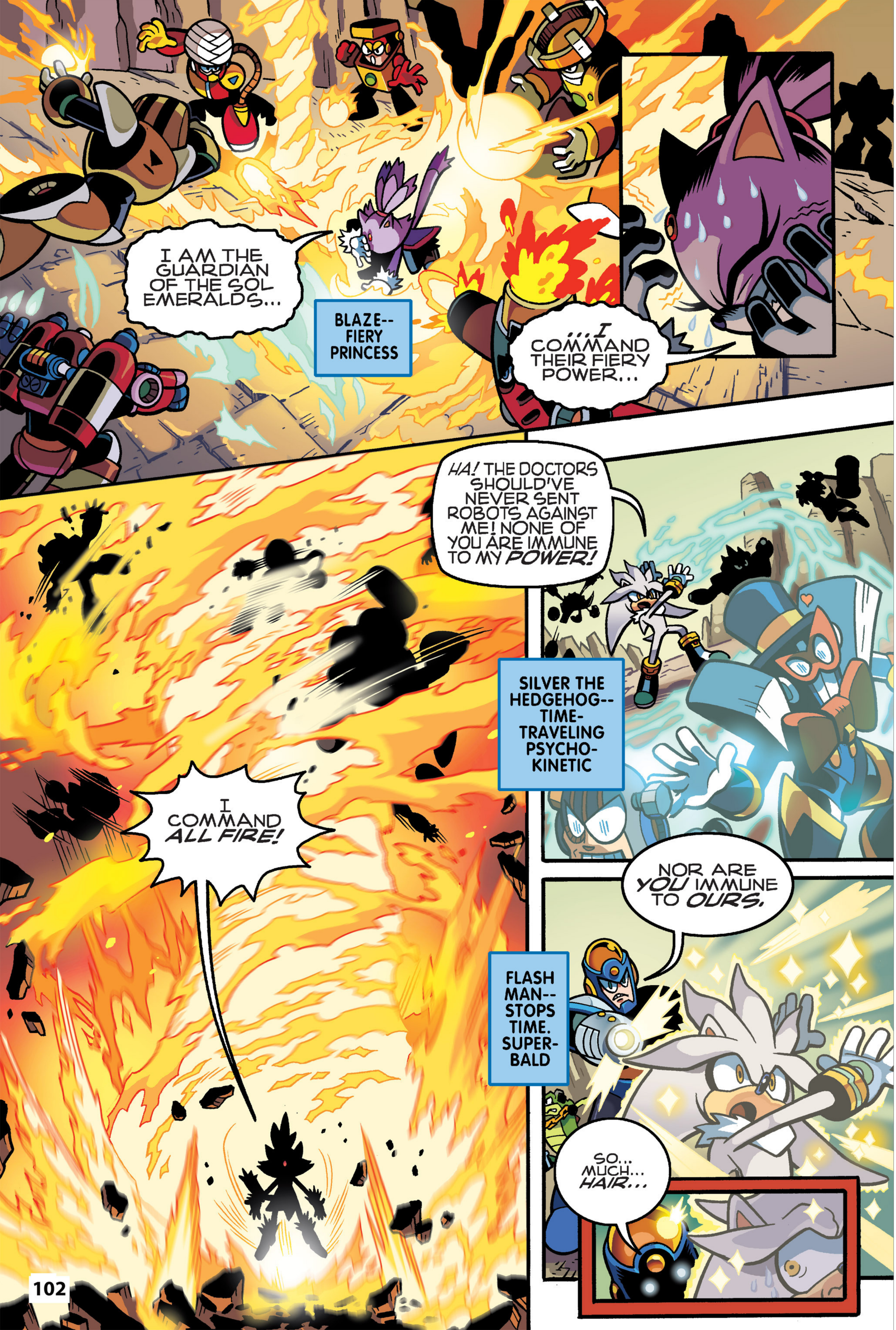

YEAH, GOOD JOB FINDING "TINY" HERE AFTER YOU TELEPORTED OFF IN A HUFF.
I DID *NOT* TELEPORT IN A--
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL GET YOUR TEAMMATE BACK!*
I AM *NOT* WORRIED. CONCENTRATE ON THE FIGHT.
*SHADOW AND OMEGA'S TEAMMATE ROUGE WAS CAPTURED IN SU #53. --Editor
JUST HOW MANY ROBOT MASTERS *DID* YOU FIGHT, MAN?
FEELS LIKE A HUNDRED. I'M JUST GLAD MY BROTHERS FROM THE INITIAL LINE AREN'T HERE. IT'S BAD ENOUGH I HAVE TO DESTROY ALL THESE GUYS AGAIN!
NOT THAT IT MATTERS.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE DOCS ARE TIME-CLONING THESE GUYS OR SOMETHING. I *KNOW* WE ALREADY TOOK CARE OF SOME OF THESE WEIRDOS.
WE'VE *GOT* TO GET INTO THAT BASE! WE'VE LEFT DR. LIGHT WAITING TOO LONG, AND... AND...!
DON'T GET YOUR WIRES IN A KNOT! I *TOLD* YOU-- WE'VE *GOT* THIS. YOUR DAD IS AS GOOD AS SAVED.

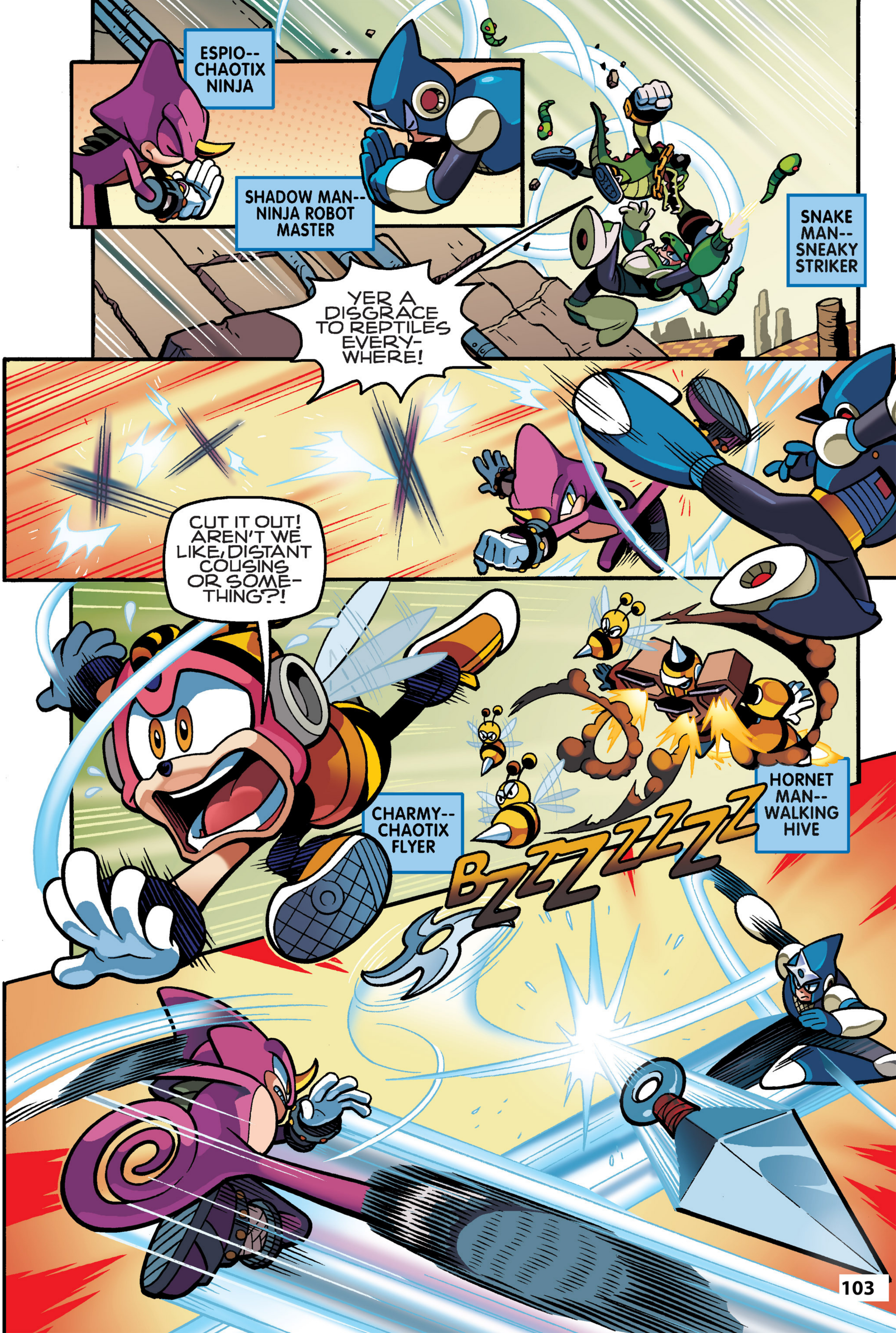

MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE WILY EGG...
I BET... FIFTY ZENNY.
PAH! I SEE YOUR FIFTY AND RAISE YOU ANOTHER TWO HUNDRED RINGS!
COME ON, MOTOBUG! SLICE HIM TO PIECES!
SIC HIM, MET! DON'T EMBARRASS ME!
CLANG!

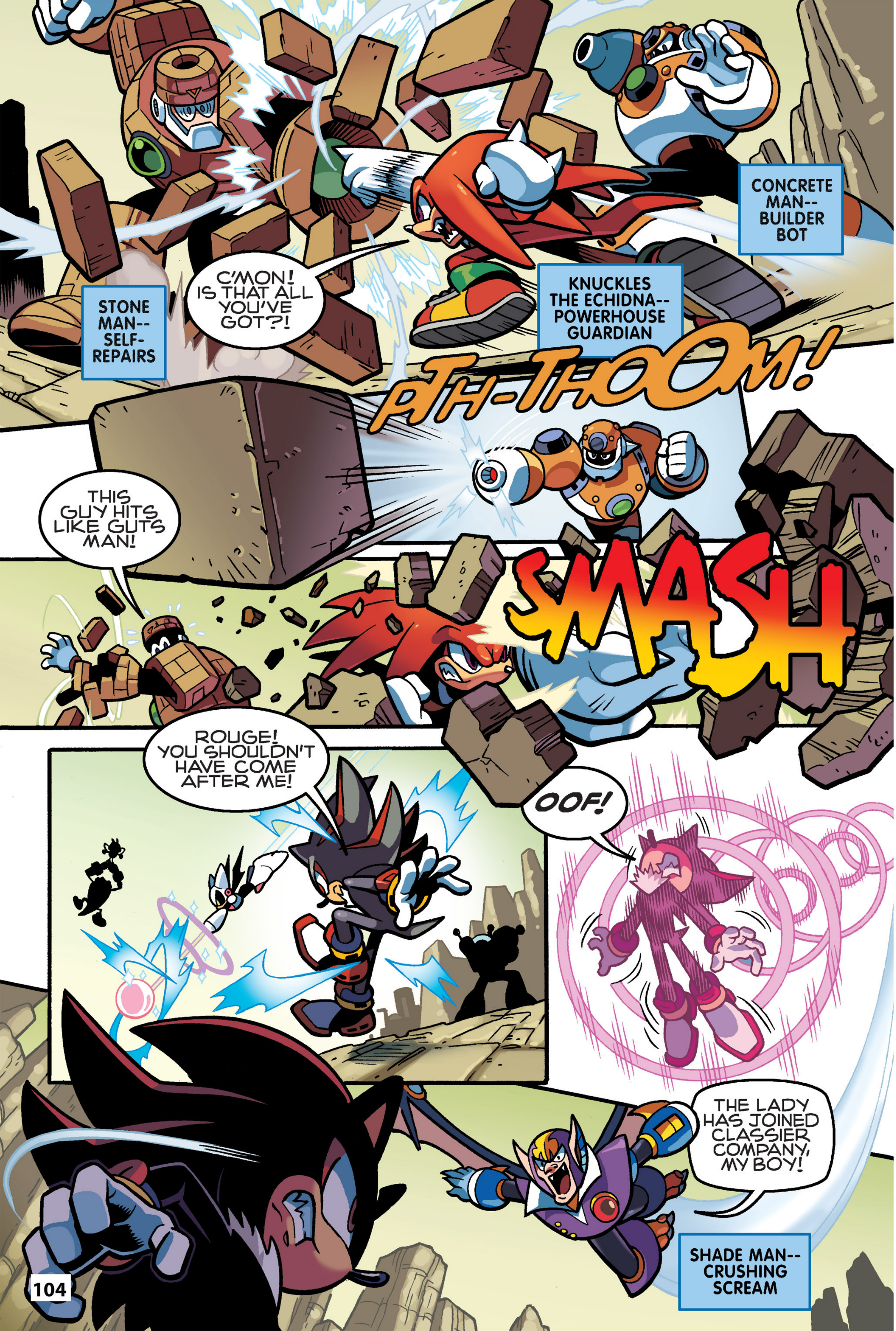

SINCE I NOW HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, *GENTLEMEN*...
HERE IT COMES--ANOTHER "INSIGHTFUL" LECTURE FROM "POPPA TOM."
DO THESE ROBOTS NOT KNOW HOW TO WALK IN A STRAIGHT LINE?
...IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO STOP THIS. YOU'VE ALREADY TEMPTED FATE BY RE-WRITING BOTH YOUR WORLDS WITH THE GENESIS WAVE.* USING THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS TO REWRITE *ALL* UNIVERSES--ALL OF CREATION--
--IS TOO MUCH, *EVEN* FOR MEN OF SUCH... GENIUS.
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #247 & MEGA MAN #23.
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR PLANS TO--?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S *ALWAYS* LIKE THIS!
FOR ALL HIS VAUNTED INTELLECT, THOMAS NEVER HAD OUR KIND OF *VISION!* HE HOPES TO ONE DAY CREATE TRULY LIVING ROBOTS. SO *WHAT?*
WE'VE CREATED AN ENTIRE *REALITY!* WE'VE RESHAPED TIME AND SPACE ACROSS TWO WORLDS--AND SOON *ALL WORLDS!*
YOU'RE SCARED, THOMAS! SCARED YOUR LACK OF AMBITION WILL FINALLY LEAVE YOU ECLIPSED IN THE SHADOW OF MY BRILLIANCE! WE HAVE *COMPLETE* CONTROL!
RA
MOON.

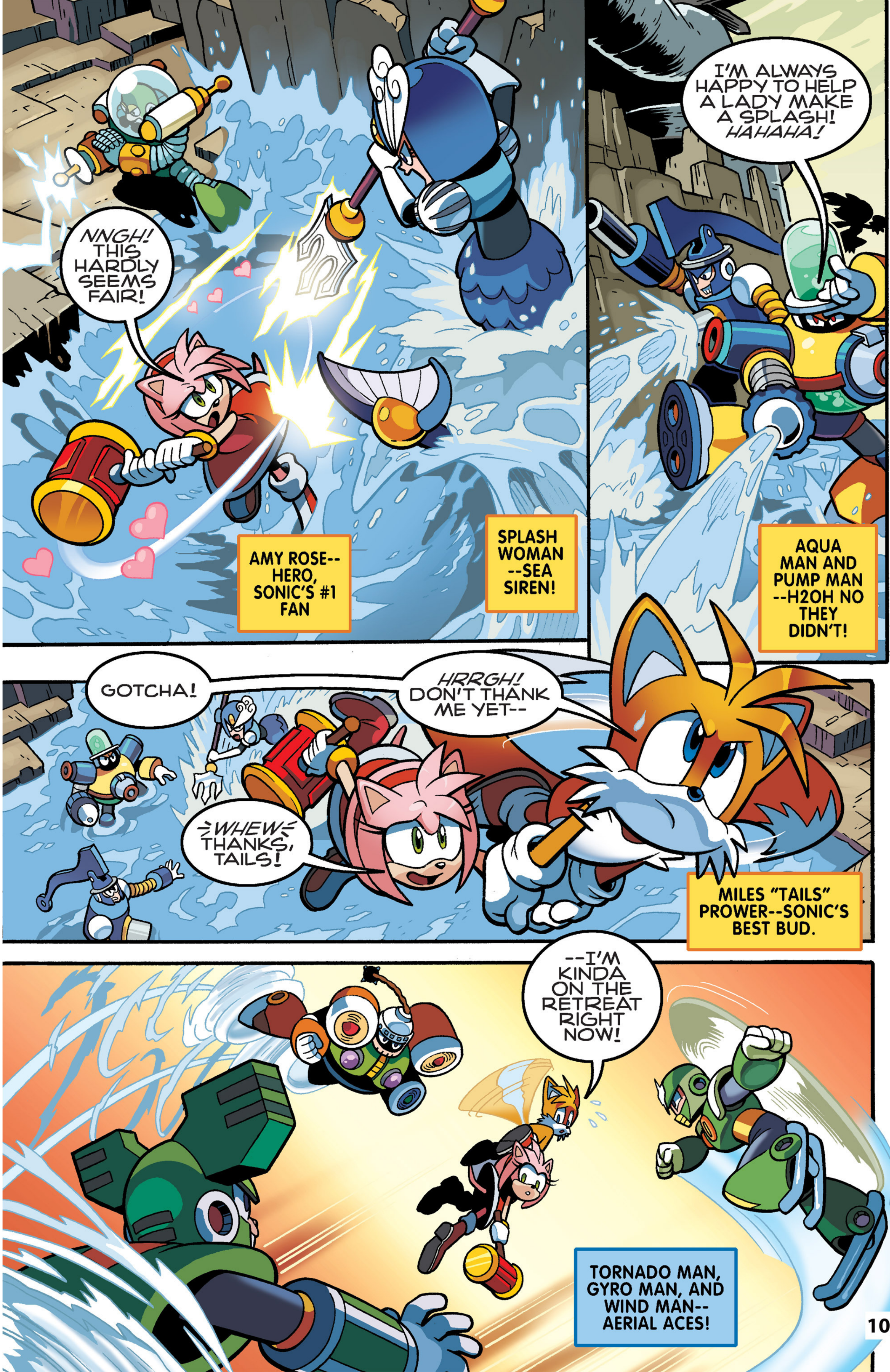

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU AND YOUR FRIEND HERE WERE THE ONES WHO REWROTE REALITY TO FUSE THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE. YOU SHOULD REMEMBER *EXACTLY* WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD COMPLETE CONTROL OF RA MOON. AND GAMMA. AND KING. THE STARDROIDS, ROBOENZA --BASS?
YOU'VE TOYED WITH THINGS YOU *CANNOT* HANDLE FOR *YEARS*, AND MEGA MAN HAD TO SAVE YOU FROM YOURSELF.
AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT, DOCTOR EGGMAN. CHAOS? THE *ARK?* EMERL? THE TIME EATER? IF NOT FOR SONIC, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A WORLD TO CONQUER.
ALTERING ITS REALITY AND HISTORY WON'T CHANGE THAT.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE, ALBERT. GIVE UP THIS MAD QUEST NOW. MAKE THINGS RIGHT! I KNOW YOU COULD--
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH! LET'S GO, EGGY! WE'VE GOT AN ARMY TO OVERSEE!
SIGH
OH, MY DEAR BOYS...IF ONLY I KNEW YOU WERE ALL RIGHT OUT THERE...

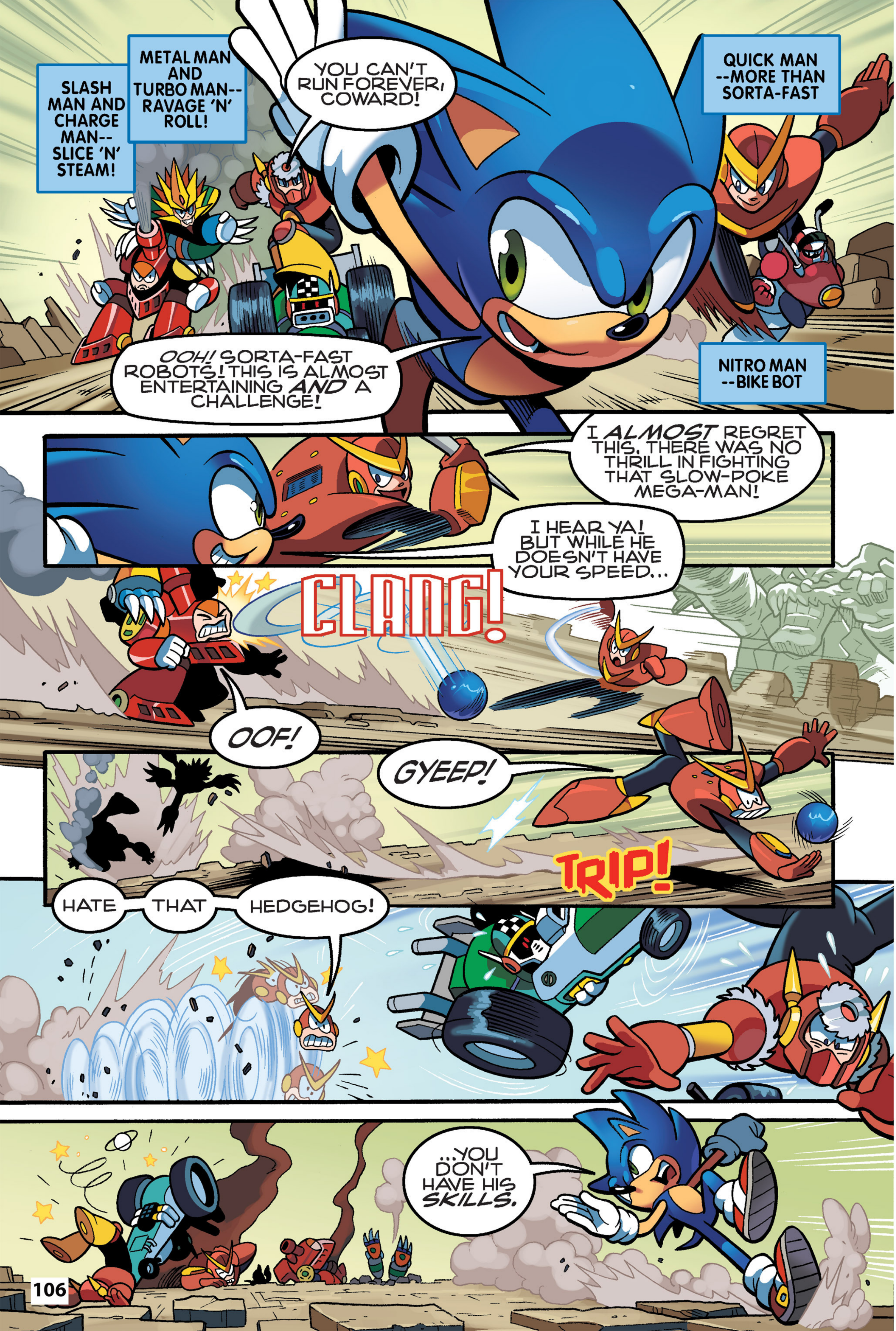

THIS WORKS A LOT BETTER WHEN I CAN TAKE THEM ON ONE AT A TIME ...!
SMASH
THANKS, SONIC.
I DIDN'T NEED YOUR HELP!
I KNOW-- I JUST LIKE TO STEAL YOUR FUN. I'LL LET YOU DEAL WITH THAT CLOWN, THOUGH.

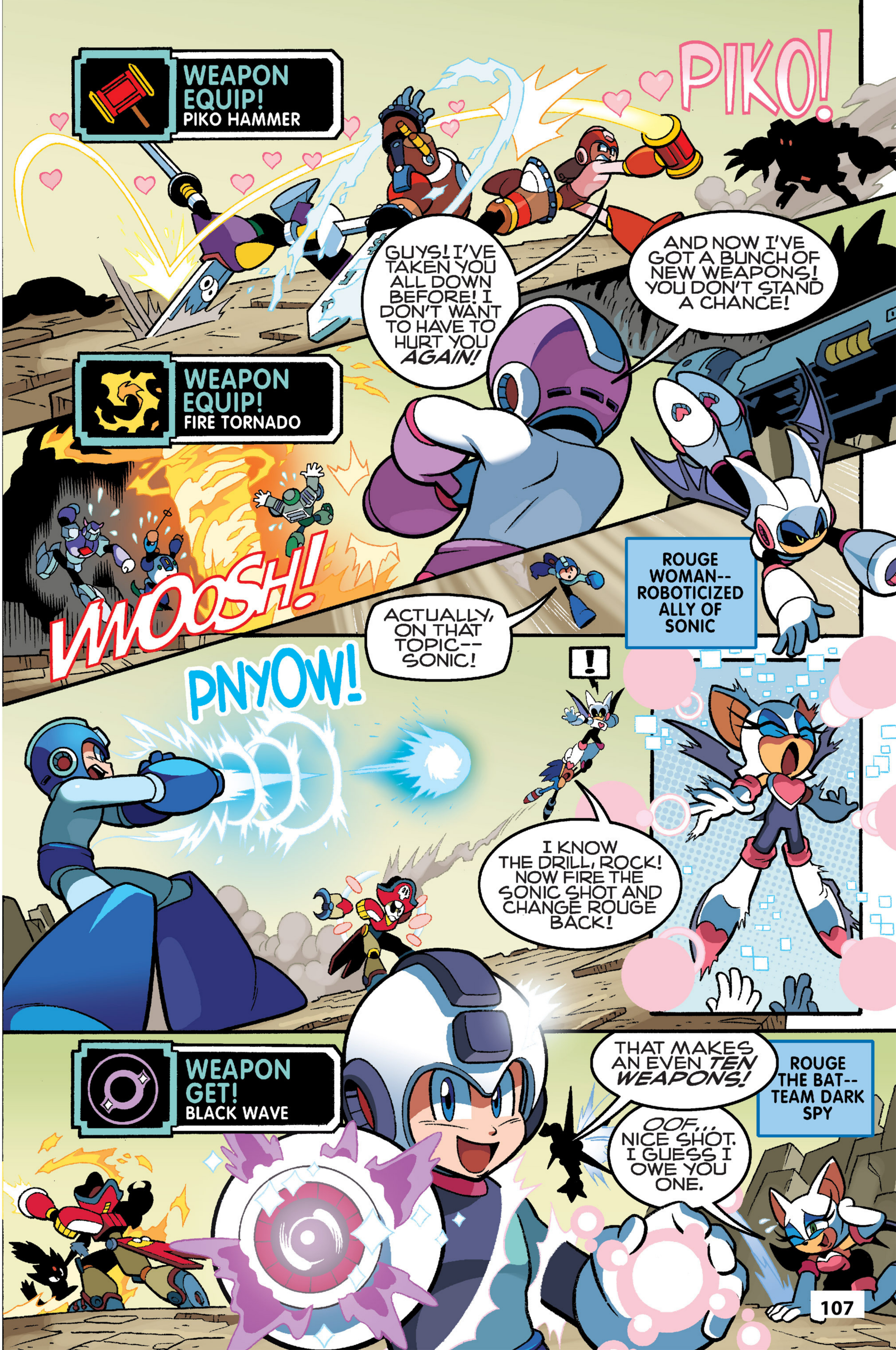

I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS...
BLAZE-- FIERY PRINCESS
...I COMMAND THEIR FIERY POWER...
I COMMAND *ALL FIRE!*
HA! THE DOCTORS SHOULD'VE NEVER SENT ROBOTS AGAINST ME! NONE OF YOU ARE IMMUNE TO MY *POWER!*
SILVER THE HEDGEHOG-- TIME-TRAVELING PSYCHO-KINETIC
NOR ARE *YOU* IMMUNE TO *OURS.*
FLASH MAN-- STOPS TIME. SUPER-BALD
SO... MUCH... *HAIR...*

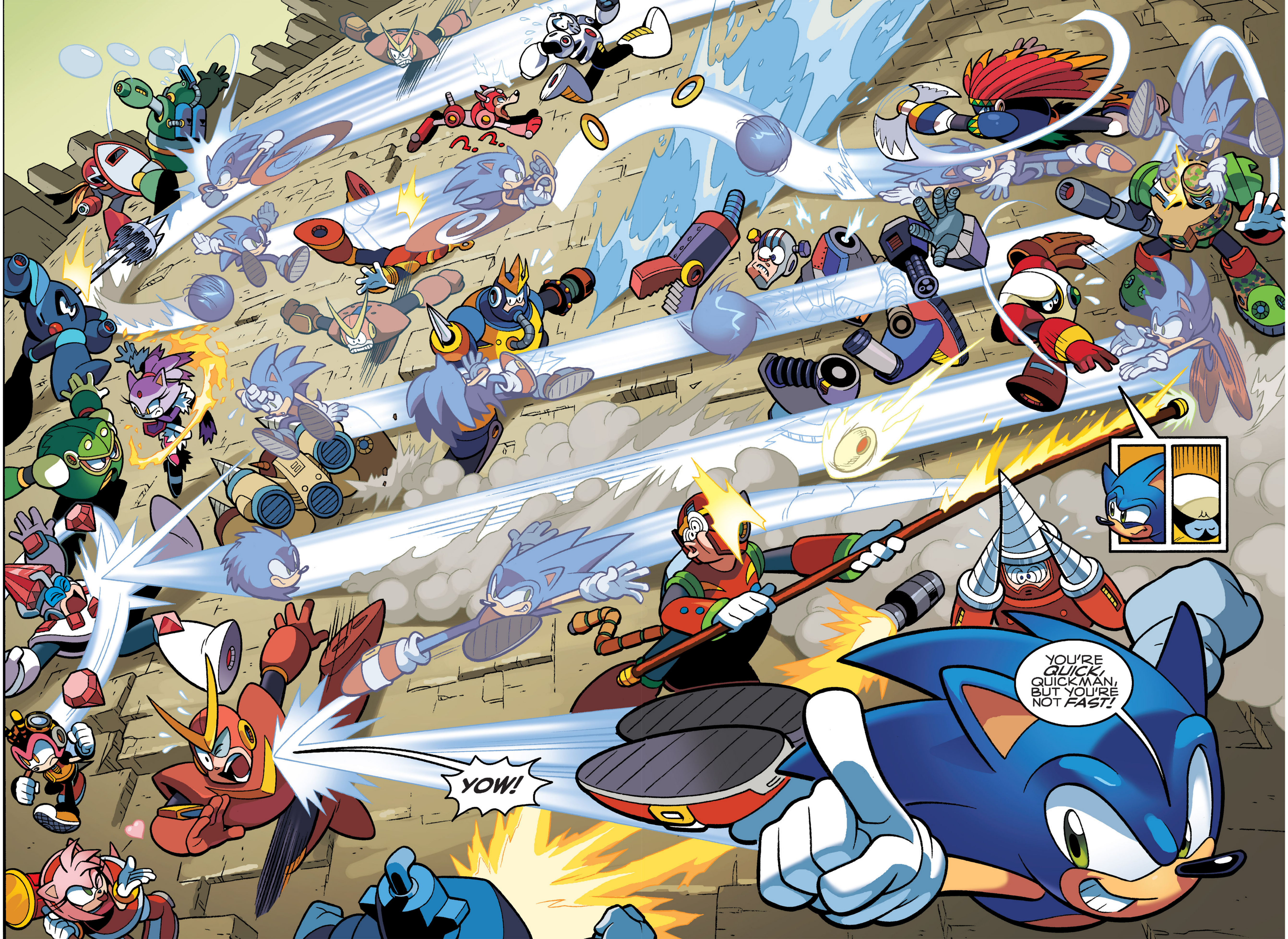

ESPIO--
CHAOTIX
NINJA
SHADOW MAN--
NINJA ROBOT
MASTER
SNAKE
MAN--
SNEAKY
STRIKER
YER A DISGRACE TO REPTILES EVERYWHERE!
CUT IT OUT! AREN'T WE LIKE, DISTANT COUSINS OR SOMETHING?!
CHARMY--
CHAOTIX
FLYER
HORNET
MAN--
WALKING
HIVE
BZZZZZZZ

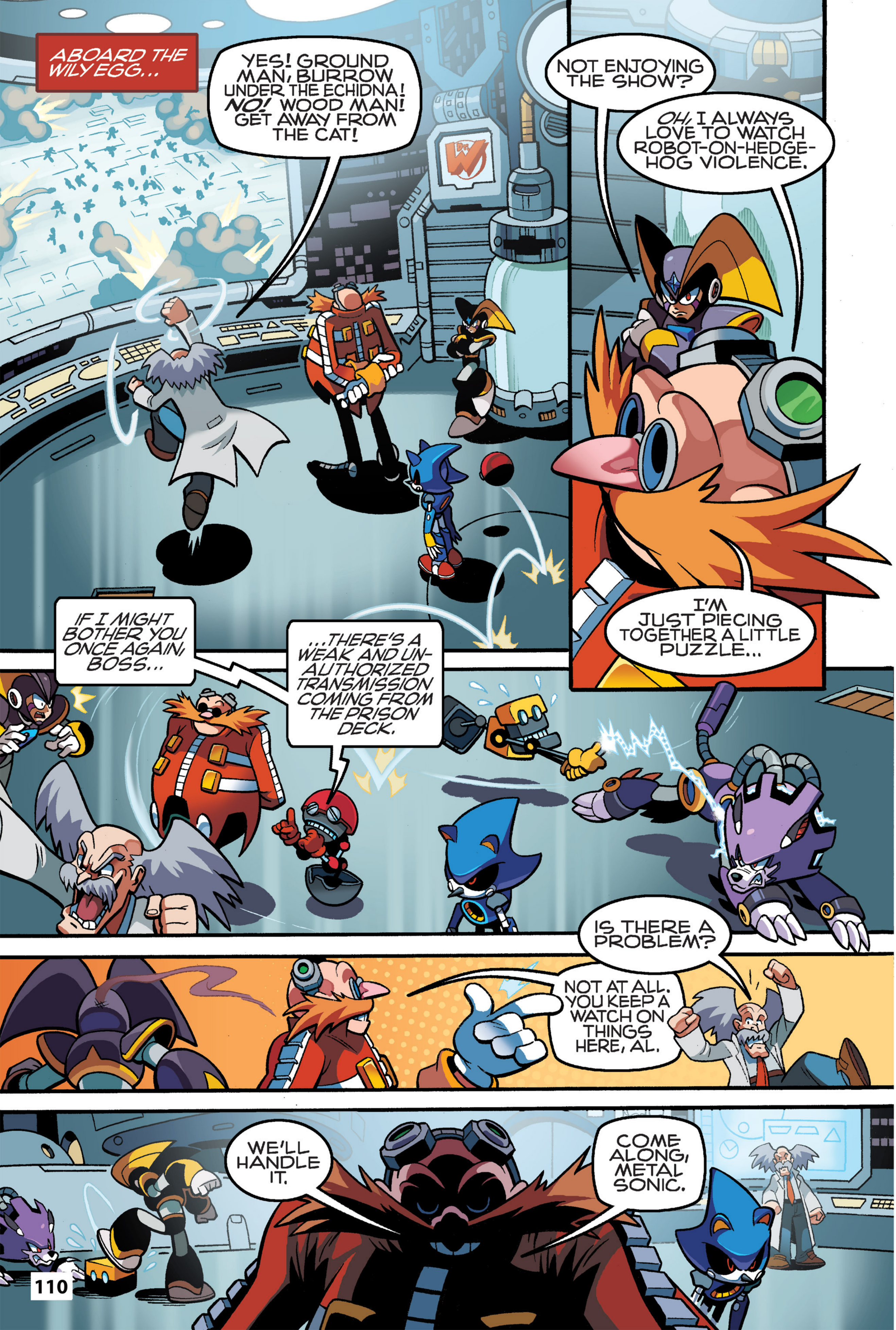

CONCRETE MAN--BUILDER BOT
STONE MAN--SELF-REPAIRS
C'MON! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA--POWERHOUSE GUARDIAN
PTH-THOOM!
THIS GUY HITS LIKE GUTS MAN!
SMASH
ROUGE! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME AFTER ME!
OOF!
THE LADY HAS JOINED CLASSIER COMPANY, MY BOY!
SHADE MAN--CRUSHING SCREAM

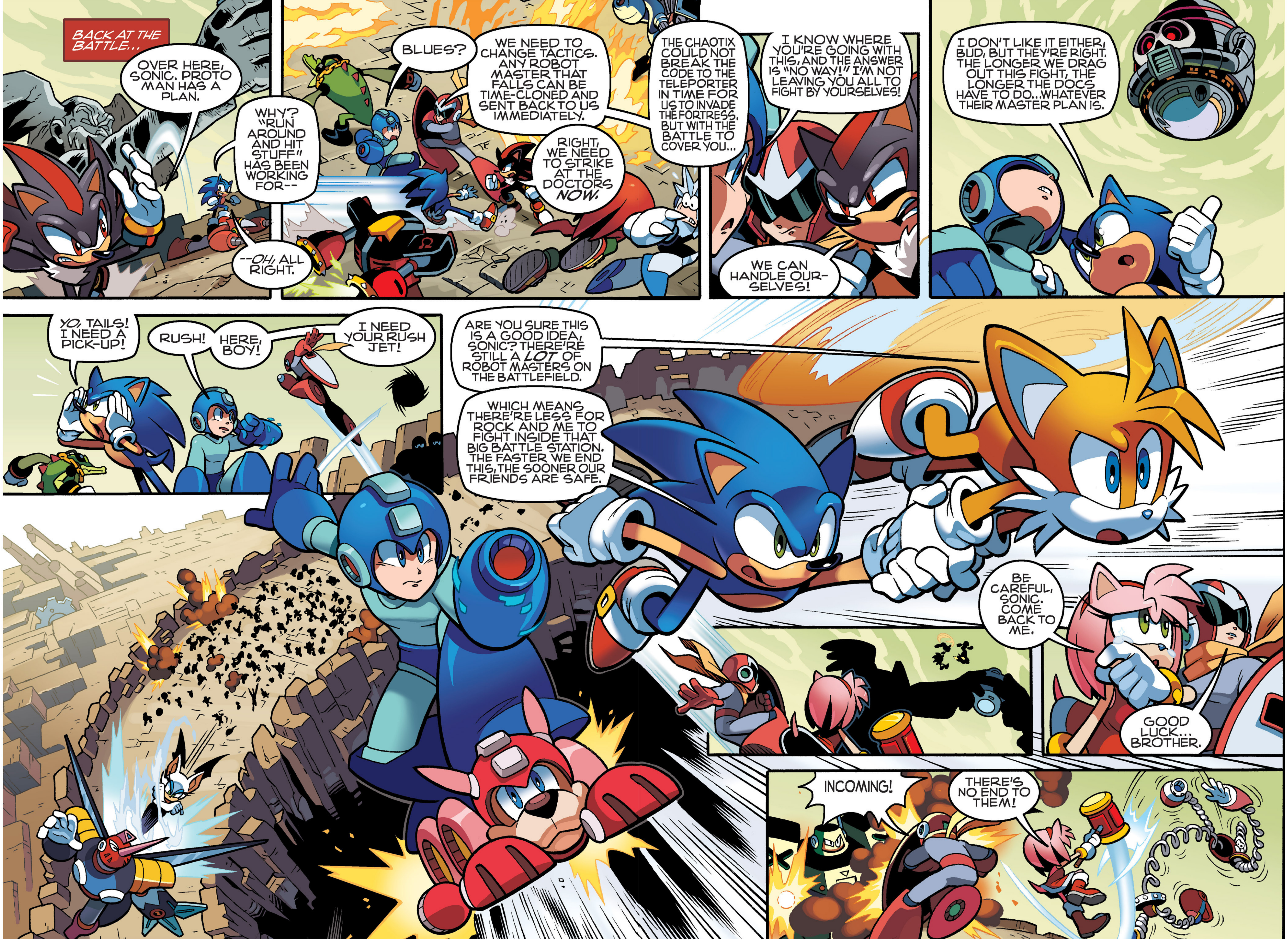

NNGH! THIS HARDLY SEEMS FAIR!
AMY ROSE--HERO, SONIC'S #1 FAN
SPLASH WOMAN --SEA SIREN!
I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP A LADY MAKE A SPLASH! *HAHAHA!*
AQUA MAN AND PUMP MAN --H2OH NO THEY DIDN'T!
GOTCHA!
HRRGH! DON'T THANK ME YET--
WHEW THANKS, TAILS!
MILES "TAILS" PROWER--SONIC'S BEST BUD.
--I'M KINDA ON THE RETREAT RIGHT NOW!
TORNADO MAN, GYRO MAN, AND WIND MAN--AERIAL ACES!

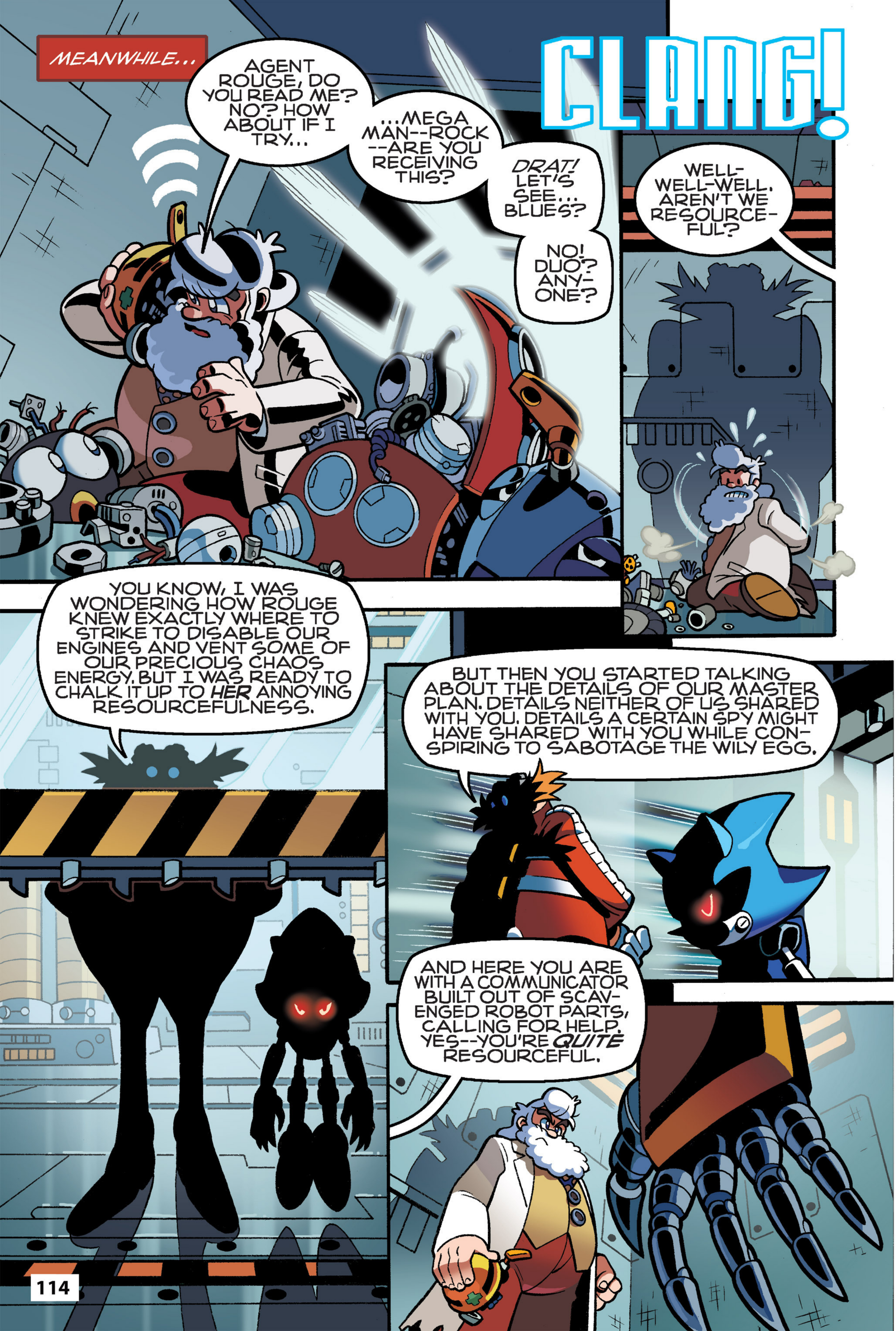

SLASH MAN AND CHARGE MAN--SLICE 'N' STEAM!
METAL MAN AND TURBO MAN--RAVAGE 'N' ROLL!
YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER, COWARD!
QUICK MAN --MORE THAN SORTA-FAST
OOH! SORTA-FAST ROBOTS! THIS IS ALMOST ENTERTAINING AND A CHALLENGE!
NITRO MAN --BIKE BOT
I ALMOST REGRET THIS. THERE WAS NO THRILL IN FIGHTING THAT SLOW-POKE MEGA-MAN!
I HEAR YA! BUT WHILE HE DOESN'T HAVE YOUR SPEED...
CLANG!
OOF!
GYEEP!
TRIP!
HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!
...YOU DON'T HAVE HIS SKILLS.

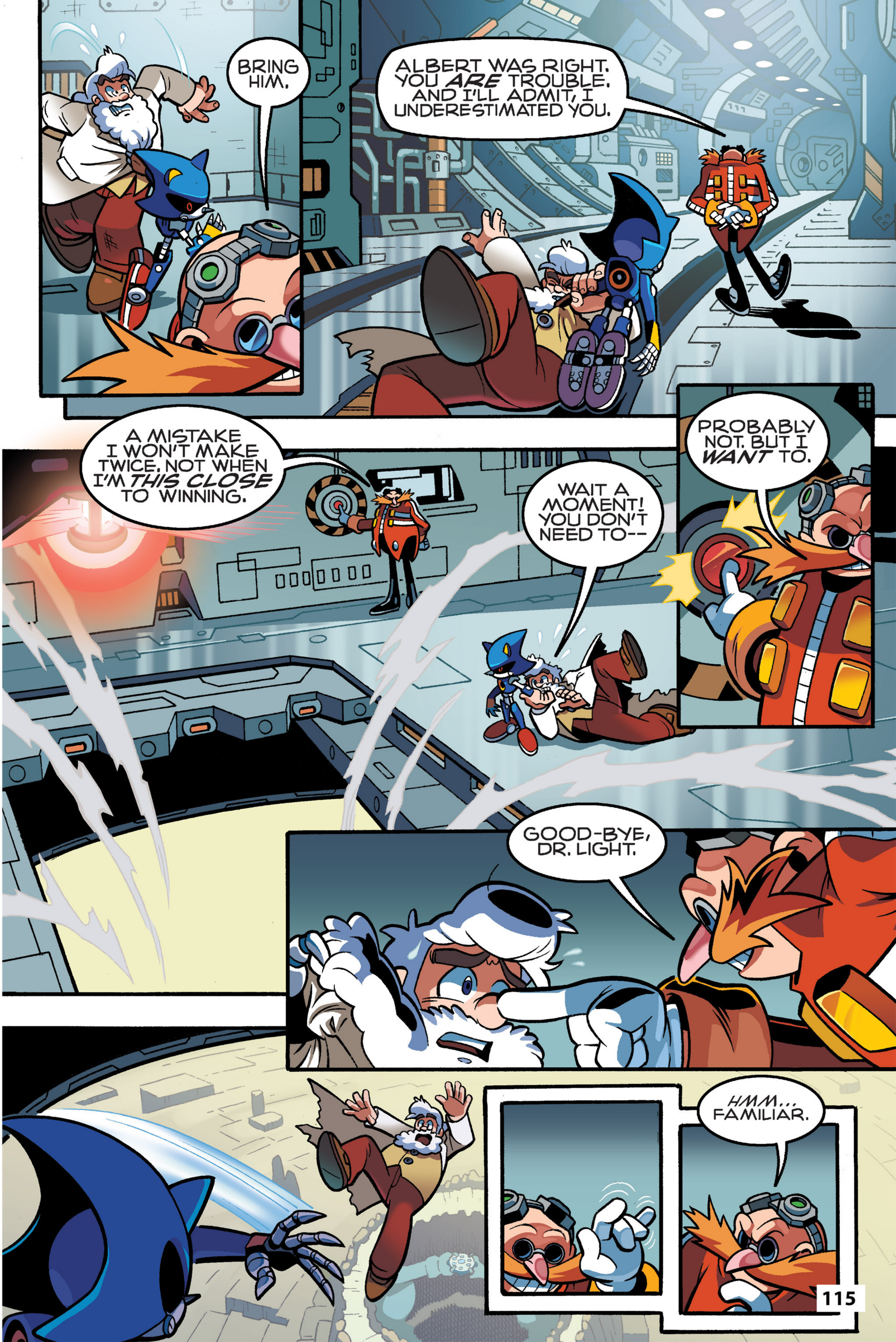

WEAPON EQUIP! PIKO HAMMER
PIKO!
GUYS! I'VE TAKEN YOU ALL DOWN BEFORE! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO HURT YOU *AGAIN!*
AND NOW I'VE GOT A BUNCH OF NEW WEAPONS! YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
WEAPON EQUIP! FIRE TORNADO
VWOOSH!
ROUGE WOMAN-- ROBOTICIZED ALLY OF SONIC
ACTUALLY, ON THAT TOPIC-- SONIC!
PNYOW!
!
I KNOW THE DRILL, ROCK! NOW FIRE THE SONIC SHOT AND CHANGE ROUGE BACK!
WEAPON GET! BLACK WAVE
THAT MAKES AN EVEN *TEN WEAPONS!*
ROUGE THE BAT-- TEAM DARK SPY
OOF... NICE SHOT. I GUESS I OWE YOU ONE.

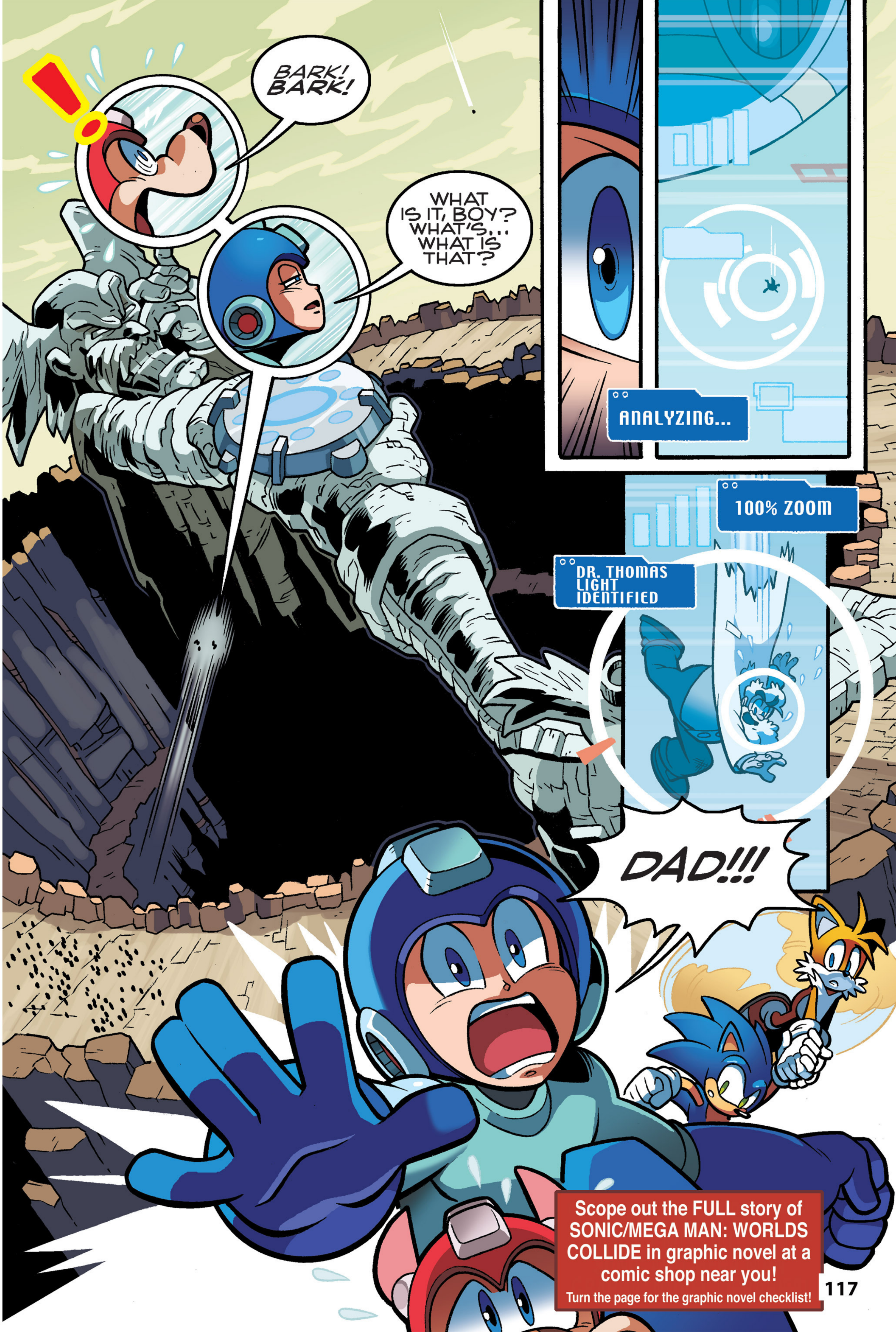

? ?
YOU'RE *QUICK*, QUICKMAN, BUT YOU'RE NOT *FAST!*
YOW!


ABOARD THE WILY EGG...
YES! GROUND MAN, BURROW UNDER THE ECHIDNA! NO! WOOD MAN! GET AWAY FROM THE CAT!
NOT ENJOYING THE SHOW?
OH, I ALWAYS LOVE TO WATCH ROBOT-ON-HEDGEHOG VIOLENCE.
I'M JUST PIECING TOGETHER A LITTLE PUZZLE...
IF I MIGHT BOTHER YOU ONCE AGAIN, BOSS...
...THERE'S A WEAK AND UNAUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION COMING FROM THE PRISON DECK.
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
NOT AT ALL. YOU KEEP A WATCH ON THINGS HERE, AL.
WE'LL HANDLE IT.
COME ALONG, METAL SONIC.


BACK AT THE BATTLE...
OVER HERE, SONIC. PROTO MAN HAS A PLAN.
WHY? "RUN AROUND AND HIT STUFF" HAS BEEN WORKING FOR--
--OH, ALL RIGHT.
BLUES?
WE NEED TO CHANGE TACTICS. ANY ROBOT MASTER THAT FALLS CAN BE TIME-CLONED AND SENT BACK TO US IMMEDIATELY.
RIGHT, WE NEED TO STRIKE AT THE DOCTORS *NOW.*
THE CHAOTIX COULD NOT BREAK THE CODE TO THE TELEPORTER IN TIME FOR US TO INVADE THE FORTRESS, BUT WITH THE BATTLE TO COVER YOU...
I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH THIS, AND THE ANSWER IS "NO WAY!" I'M NOT LEAVING YOU ALL TO FIGHT BY YOURSELVES!
WE CAN HANDLE OURSELVES!
I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, BUD, BUT THEY'RE RIGHT. THE LONGER WE DRAG OUT THIS FIGHT, THE LONGER THE DOCS HAVE TO DO...WHATEVER THEIR MASTER PLAN IS.
YO, TAILS! I NEED A PICK-UP!
RUSH!
HERE, BOY!
I NEED YOUR RUSH JET!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, SONIC? THERE'RE STILL A *LOT* OF ROBOT MASTERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
WHICH MEANS THERE'RE LESS FOR ROCK AND ME TO FIGHT INSIDE THAT BIG BATTLE STATION. THE FASTER WE END THIS, THE SOONER OUR FRIENDS ARE SAFE.
BE CAREFUL, SONIC. COME BACK TO ME.
GOOD LUCK... BROTHER.
INCOMING!
THERE'S NO END TO THEM!


MEANWHILE...
AGENT ROUGE, DO YOU READ ME? NO? HOW ABOUT IF I TRY...
...MEGA MAN--ROCK --ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS?
DRAT! LET'S SEE... BLUES?
NO! DUO? ANY-ONE?
CLANG!
WELL-WELL-WELL. AREN'T WE RESOURCEFUL?
YOU KNOW, I WAS WONDERING HOW ROUGE KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO STRIKE TO DISABLE OUR ENGINES AND VENT SOME OF OUR PRECIOUS CHAOS ENERGY. BUT I WAS READY TO CHALK IT UP TO *HER* ANNOYING RESOURCEFULNESS.
BUT THEN YOU STARTED TALKING ABOUT THE DETAILS OF OUR MASTER PLAN. DETAILS NEITHER OF US SHARED WITH YOU. DETAILS A CERTAIN SPY MIGHT HAVE SHARED WITH YOU WHILE CONSPIRING TO SABOTAGE THE WILY EGG.
AND HERE YOU ARE WITH A COMMUNICATOR BUILT OUT OF SCAVENGED ROBOT PARTS, CALLING FOR HELP. YES--YOU'RE *QUITE* RESOURCEFUL.


BRING HIM.
ALBERT WAS RIGHT. YOU *ARE* TROUBLE. AND I'LL ADMIT, I UNDERESTIMATED YOU.
A MISTAKE I WON'T MAKE TWICE. NOT WHEN I'M *THIS CLOSE* TO WINNING.
WAIT A MOMENT! YOU DON'T NEED TO--
PROBABLY NOT. BUT I *WANT* TO.
GOOD-BYE, DR. LIGHT.
HMM... FAMILIAR.


!
BARK! BARK!
WHAT IS IT, BOY? WHAT'S... WHAT IS THAT?
ANALYZING...
100% ZOOM
DR. THOMAS LIGHT IDENTIFIED
DAD!!!

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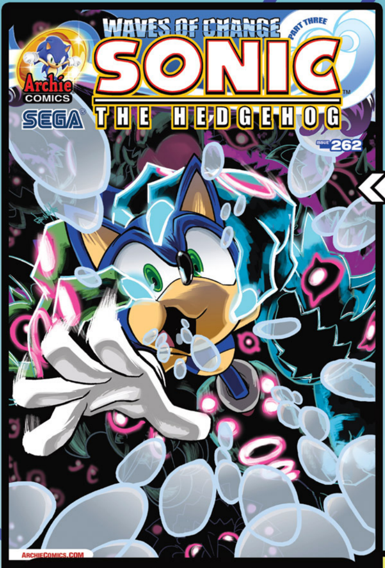
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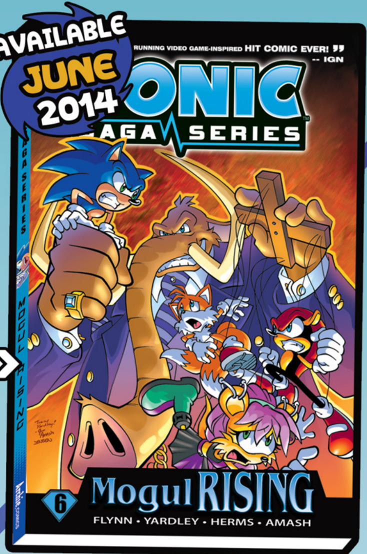
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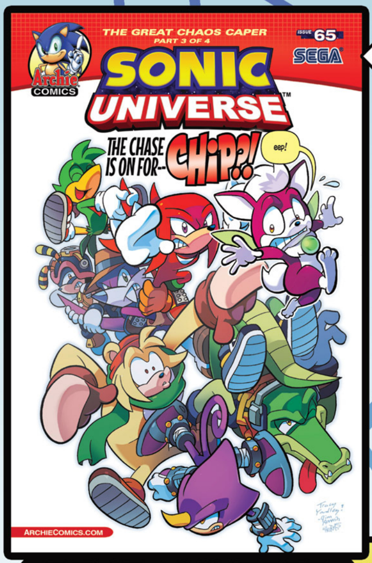
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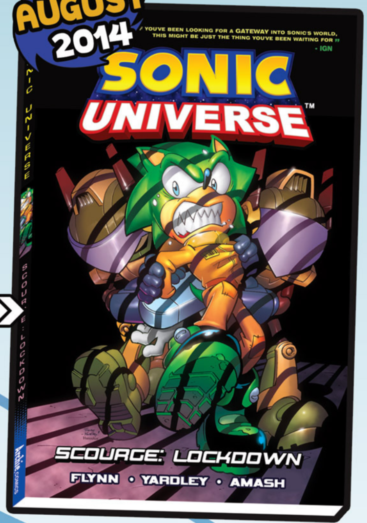
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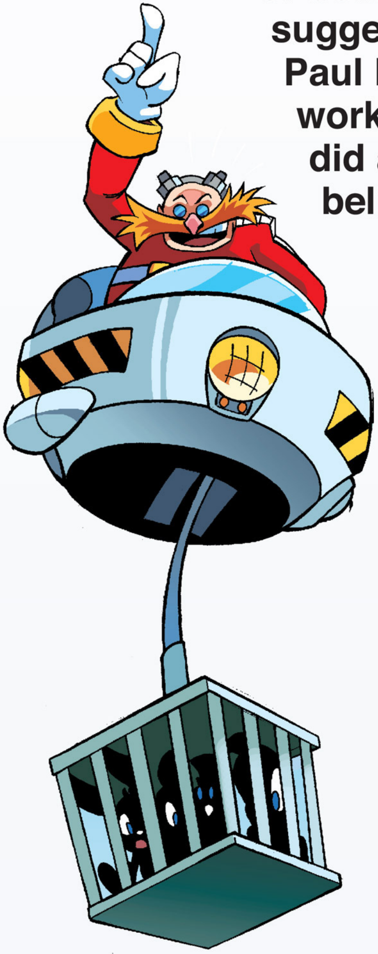
INTERVIEW WITH - JENNIFER HERNANDEZ - PENCILLER -

SSSM: Jennifer, you're one of the newest members of the Archie Sonic Comic team! How did you start working with Archie?

JENNIFER HERNANDEZ

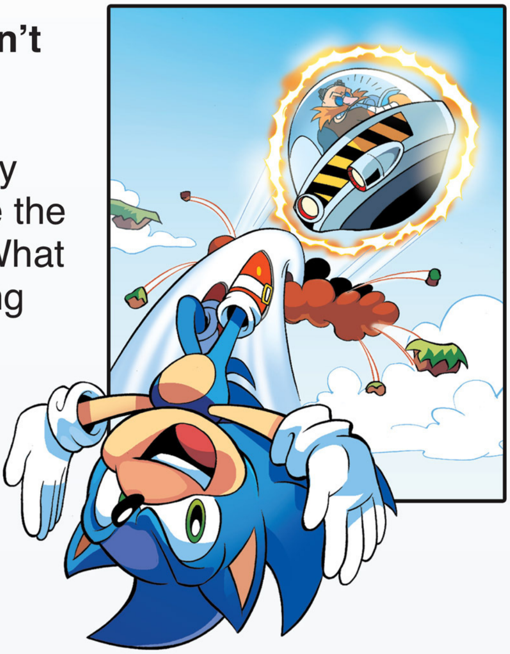
NEW PENCILLER ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

JH: Hello, thanks for having me! I started here after showing my Sonic art to some of the Archie artists at New York Comic Con a few years back. I wanted to show them my art since I had been reading the Sonic book for years and wanted their feedback on my interpretation of Sonic and Co. They all suggested I get in contact with Paul Kaminski to ask about working on the Sonic book. I did and now here I am! I still can't believe it, though!



SSSM: The Sonic model may look simple, but can be quite the challenge to get just right. What is your process when drawing a character from the Sonic universe?

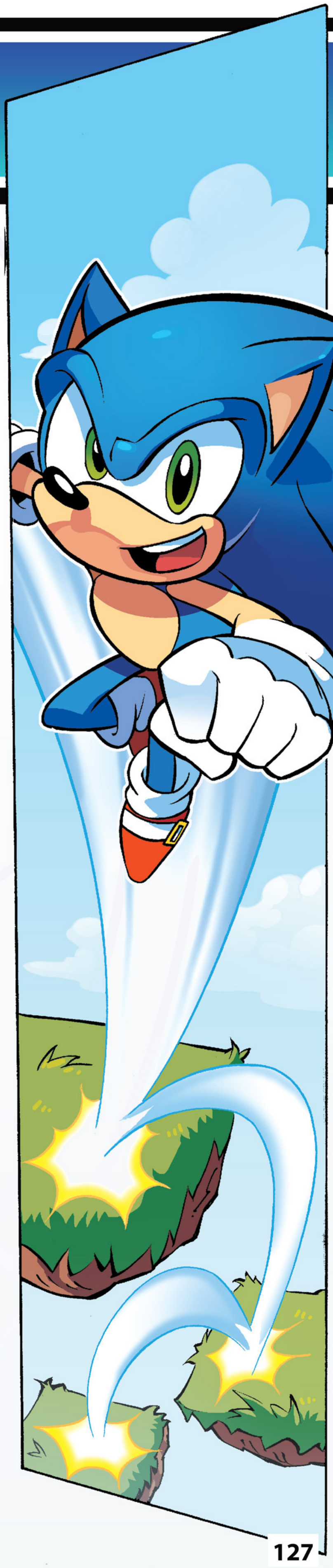
JH: Wow, I never considered my process for drawing Sonic characters. I just draw them. I've been drawing Sonic fan art since I was 8 years old so drawing Sonic and the crew is like second nature! I wish I had a better answer!



SSSM: How do comics appeal to you? What aspects of the industry made you want to go professional?

MOBILE MASTER

JENNIFER PENCILLED BOTH COMIC BOOK ADAPTATIONS OF SEGA'S HIT MOBILE GAMES, SONIC JUMP (APPEARING IN SONIC SUPER DIGEST 5) AND SONIC DASH (APPEARING IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE 10)!



JH: I always enjoyed reading and drawing, and comics are the best of both worlds! Like written books, there are a variety of stories for a variety of audiences presented through comic books. I didn't decide to pursue drawing for them professionally until I was given the opportunity to work on Sonic.

SSSM: Do you have any favorite moments or challenges from your past Sonic works? What advice would you give to an aspiring penciller?

JH: I really enjoyed drawing the Sonic Dash story! I know it was short, but I had fun drawing all of Sonic's expressions in that. My advice to an aspiring penciller would be to draw everything! Draw from life and from your daydreams. And work on creating believable backgrounds. I have a hard time with that.■

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